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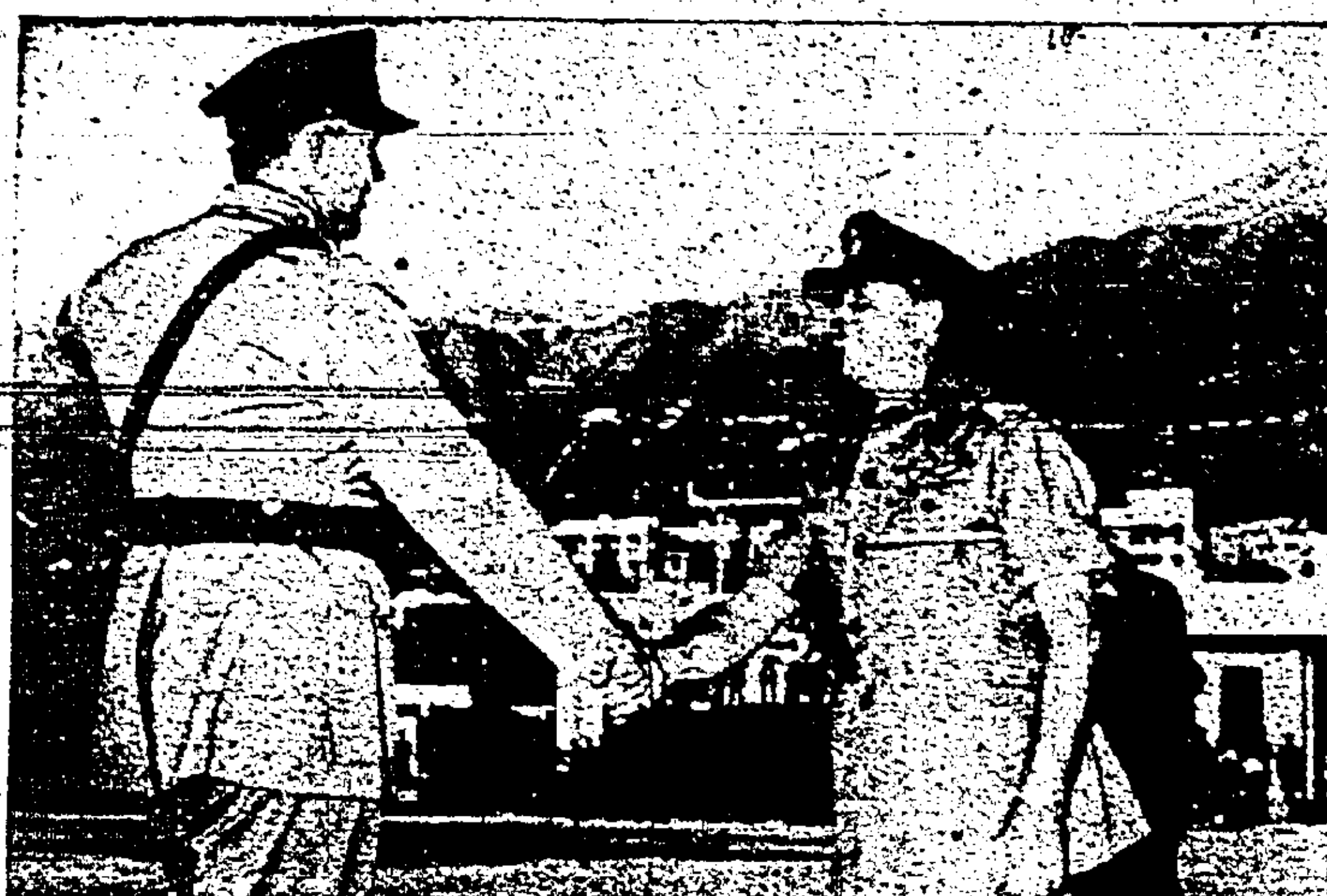
Return To Normal IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG

LAU YI-SAM, CHINESE COMMUNIST COMMISSAR IN THE SHUMCHUN AREA, TOLD THE "CHINA MAIL" YESTERDAY THAT HE FAVOURS THE IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH HONG KONG AS SOON AS THE ORGANISATIONAL AND PHYSICAL PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED.

Lau declared: "It is necessary that the high-level discussions now going on between British and Chinese railway officials result in a working agreement, so that trains can resume schedules between Hong Kong and Canton."

"For our part, we are willing to continue selling the usual products to Hong Kong, with the exception of rice."

Hong Kong's New GOC-In-C



Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh (left), Hong Kong's new GOC-in-C, being greeted at Kai Tak yesterday by Major-General G. C. Evans, Commander 10 Division. "China Mail" Photo.

Major Drive On Chungking Near

The Communist armies, victorious in South China, are massing for a gigantic pincer drive on Chungking, refugee capital of the Nationalist Government, according to United Press. The vanguard of a Red force estimated at 300,000 men, advancing on Chungking from the North, is reported to be near Namchung, only 100 miles from the threatened capital.

About 100,000 Nationalists stand on guard on Chungking's Northern approaches. Some officials in the threatened city believe that the Nationalist Government will be forced to flee for the third time since May. This time, they said, the capital will be moved to the remote mountain city of Kunming, 800 miles South West of Chungking. Kunming, the capital of Yunnan province, was the site of a United States air base and the terminus of the "Stillwell Road" during the war.

Meanwhile, private sources in constant touch with Kweilin, said that the Communists are 20 miles from the Kwangsi provincial capital, that Government officials are speeding up evacuation and that General Pai Chung-hsi's 200,000 men are falling back rapidly.

Government Moving

The sources said that an attack on Kweilin is a matter of days and added that Liuchow, 80 miles South West of Kweilin, is expected to be the next on the Red list, a few days after the fall of Kweilin.

The provincial Government is moving to Yungling—also known as Nanning. The withdrawal of Nationalist organisations has been completed. Airlines have evacuated. Garrison troops and police are maintaining order, pending a turnover.

The Nationalists, reaching Chungshan district from Canton, are moving further Westward in Kwangtung. Chungshan's "liberation" and the hoisting of the Red flag on the border of Macao by Communist guerrillas are expected in a few days.—United Press.

Japan's Trade With HK

Tokyo, October 20. The Japanese Government announced today that trade with Hong Kong, suspended since midnight on September 27, resumed as from today.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry notified exchange handling banks and trade bureaux throughout Japan that shipments to Hong Kong are now valid.

In London, the "Daily Express" today called the trade agreement which Britain and Japan are to sign shortly, a "post-war black pact" and urged that it should not be ratified until Parliament had had the chance to debate it.

"This is no ordinary trade treaty," the paper added. "It is prompted by American political considerations, by the desire of the United States to make Japan self-supporting, and so become a bulwark against Russia. That purpose should not override all other considerations, particularly the well-being of the British Empire."—United Press and Reuters.

General Mansergh Arrives

Lieutenant-General Sir E. C. Robert Mansergh, KBE, CB, MC, recently-appointed General Officer Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, arrived at 6.45 p.m. yesterday by a special RAF Dakota aircraft from Singapore with his ADC, Captain J. R. Baker, MC.

On arrival at Kai Tak, General Mansergh was met by Mr. J. F. Nicholl, Colonial Secretary, Major-General G. C. Evans, Commander 10 Division, who has been acting GOC-in-C, Commodore L. N. Brownfield, R. N., Commander in Charge Hong Kong, Brigadier M. S. K. Maunsell, Chief of Staff, and other senior officers.

After alighting from the Dakota, General Mansergh inspected a combined guard of honour consisting of personnel of 1st Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry and the Royal Air Force. The Band of the K.S.L.I. was in attendance.

The GOC-in-C left the airfield in a special launch and at Queen Pier he inspected a Royal Naval guard of Honour before proceeding to Flagstaff House.

General Mansergh's ADC, Captain Baker, was previously ADC to Lieutenant-General Festing and accompanied the former GOC-in-C on his trip to the United Kingdom for medical treatment.

KCR Track Reported To Be Safe

Reports received in Hong Kong yesterday indicated that the track along the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is safe for operation. Asked by the "China Mail" whether through service would be resumed in three days, as reported, Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the British Section of the Railway, said he could not say for certain.

Chinese Silver Unloaded

Manila, October 20. A heavy guard was flung today around the Manila port area as the first shipment of 400,000 Chinese Nationalist silver dollars was brought ashore.

By agreement with the Philippine Government, the Chinese Nationalists are diverting to Manila the delivery of 15,000,000 silver dollars newly minted in Mexico. The Communist drive South had sealed off mainland ports where the silver dollars would have poured through to aid the inflation fight.

This morning 200 cases, each containing 2,000 coins, were taken off the steamer, Great Republic. Four hundred boxes came off a second ship in the afternoon, with more unloading due tomorrow and nearly every day in to November. The coins have been assigned to the care of the Philippine Bank of Communications, a Chinese-run institution, until such time as transportation to China or Taiwan can be made safely.—Associated Press.

THE TYPHOON

Manila, October 20. A strong blow with maximum winds of 55 miles an hour is curving North East into the Pacific ocean, 450 miles today, Manila time, the Weather Bureau estimated that the centre will be 400 miles East North East of Aparri on the North Luzon coast. Moving at 10 miles an hour, the storm at 8 a.m. tomorrow, Manila time, will be 600 miles North East of Aparri, the bureau calculated.—Associated Press.

TAIPEH FIRE

Taipei, October 20. The Central Daily News, the Kuomintang newspaper, was burned down shortly after midnight last night. Rumours speculate that it was the result of arson. This is Taipei's third fire in the last 30 days.—Reuters.

Assurance Given To Nationalists On Recognition

London, October 19.

Britain has told Nationalist China she has no present intention of recognising the Chinese Communist regime, Chinese informants said today.

They reported that the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had assured the Nationalist Ambassador, Dr. Cheng Tien-hsi, of this on Tuesday.

Apparently worried by reports of Peiping talks between the British and Communist Chinese representatives, Dr. Cheng had asked to see Mr. Bevin.

He is reported to have been given the same assurance Britain has given the United States, France and other Atlantic Pact countries.

This was that Britain is planning neither to withdraw recognition from the Nationalists nor accept the Peiping Communist regime as the effective authority for all China.

Commonwealth and other diplomatic officials said, however, that this assurance does not commit Britain never to recognise the Communists.

They said she is going to have to do so, sooner or later. British businessmen who do not want to lose their big investments in China are pressing the Government to recognise the Communists quickly.

Empire Talks

But official British spokesmen say no action can take place before the end of current talks with Commonwealth and Atlantic Pact countries. A Foreign Office spokesman declared on Tuesday that Britain has not made up her mind about the Reds' request for full recognition.

It was reported that the British Consul-General, Sir Paul W. G. C. Graham, had proposed a temporary working arrangement for day to day business.

The Foreign Office had not yet received an answer to this—Associated Press.

EARTHQUAKES IN PACIFIC

Manila, October 20. The Weather Bureau received a message from the seismograph station at Surigao, 450 miles South East of Manila, reporting minor quakes.

At 11.03 p.m. yesterday Manila time, instruments recorded a moderate shake. This morning at 6.45 there was a brief, mild tremor.

A bad quake, lasting about a minute, was experienced in Rabaul, New Britain, and surrounding districts today.

In the Kokopo district, less than five miles from the proposed new capital site, many houses were moved off their foundations and nearby roads blocked by landslides.—Associated Press and Reuters.

Summer Time Terminating

Daylight Saving Time will terminate in the Colony at 3.50 a.m. on Sunday, October 30. All clocks will be put back one hour on that day.

JAPANESE TRADE DEMANDS

Tokyo, October 20.

A Government official yesterday presented to SCAP a programme for improvement of trade which includes some of the most forthright requests yet made by Japan.

The six-point request—regarded as "informal" by SCAP—was handed by the International Trade and Industry Minister, Heiichi Inagaki, to Major-General William F. Brinkley, chief of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section.

Mr. Inagaki asked: "That the Japanese Government be permitted to open trade offices in 'principal overseas regions' and that Japanese nationals be permitted to travel abroad freely."

That private businessmen be permitted to handle their own imports which at present are processed through the Government. That Japanese shipping firms be granted "expansion of shipping service."

That the Japanese Government be permitted to take a direct part in trade negotiations with foreign countries.

That the SCAP-established "floor prices" on Japanese products, the lowest price at which these products can be sold, be "improved."

That Japan be given "most favoured nation" treatment in respect to "customs duties and other trade conditions."

These requests apparently formalise suggestions heard repeatedly from Japanese businessmen and officials. The Japanese and SCAP have been discussing some of them—Associated Press.



Among the Communist forces on the New Territories border are these three boys and a girl. The boys, known as "Little Devils", are used as runners. Their ages range from 12 to 15. After this picture was taken they asked the photographer if he would bring them a copy. ("China Mail" Photo).

Red Army Taking Over In Po On

Communist General Chen Keng has set up a military administration to govern Shumchun and Po On to the West, according to vernacular newspapers yesterday.

The reports said that the administration personnel arrived at Shumchun on Wednesday from Sheklung, temporary headquarters of General Chen Keng.

The administration committee has since officially taken over the control of the police, Customs guards corps, railway guards corps and the former Nationalist preventive service along the frontier Westwards to Po On Hsien.

The entire Shumchun population turned out at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday to give the new committee an official welcome and to pledge their loyalty to the new People's Republic of China. The streets were placarded with posters announcing the appointment of the committee by General Chen Keng.

The committee's first proclamation announced the confiscation of all Nationalist property and assets including the personal property of Kuomintang officials.

It ordered all former Nationalist soldiers, guards and police who are still armed to retain their equipment and threatened drastic punishment if the order is disobeyed.

It said that only Kuomintang personnel who have committed serious offences against the people or who have been listed as "war criminals" would be arrested and tried by the People's Court.

The proclamation assured the population that all their rights would be fully protected and that "not even a needle" would be taken away from them, or would such seizures be tolerated.

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The proclamation ordered immediate resumption of all public services and operation of administration organs, and the dissolution of all Kuomintang political organisations.

SUBMARINE IN COLLISION

Liverpool, October 20. The submarine Thetis was damaged last night in a collision with the 400-ton coaster Ashfield at the mouth of the River Mersey and went into dry dock at Birkenhead this morning for underwater examination.

The Admiralty stated that the damage was to the submarine's starboard main ballast tanks. No one was hurt in the collision.

HMS Thetis was completed in April, 1945 and was on trials after her recent refit at Birkenhead. She is one of the replacement class of the Thetis type.—Reuters.

"Trains are now running between Sheklung and Canton, and a 'test train' is to come from Sheklung to Shumchun in the next day or two."

Lau, a small, wiry man, speaks fluent English though he conducted the interview in Cantonese through an interpreter, whom he interrupted several times when the latter made a mistake in translation.

Lau said that no Communist regular troops would be despatched to the border.

He added: "Our Central Government is very careful about military troops on a boundary area, and the British forces in Hong Kong can rest easy."

"We feel confident that the 40,000 British troops across the border will be able to maintain order in their territory."

Lau was dressed in a deep green uniform, no different from that of a private.

Important Tasks

Speaking in his 2nd-floor headquarters in Shumchun, he said that not only would the South-bound regular Communist troops not enter the border district, but "local" armies, who were active in the Central Po On district were being sent to the North.

He added that the regulars were going to Nam Taw, where the Nationalists are evacuating up the Pearl River.

Lau said that the only Government men in Shumchun were armed policemen, Government officials' guards, Customs officials, and municipal government authorities.

They arrived in Shumchun on Wednesday evening, he added. More than 100 Nationalist troops left Shumchun for Sheklung yesterday morning, and a 25-car train was waiting to take several hundreds more to Sheklung last evening.

Lau said that the most important tasks that he had in Shumchun were to become acquainted with the people, introduce the People's officials to their new duties, and to reassure and explain to "our neighbours across the border" that the two governments can work together.

Smuggling

He said that the People's Government had never tolerated graft or piracy, and did not intend to in the border zone area.

However, local smugglers have been almost forced to smuggle because of the great disparity between the official rate of Chinese currency, and the black market rate.

He added: "Under the Nationalists, high officials could obtain import permits from the Government, when common, legitimate merchants could not get them. Graft in some parts of the Government was common."

"To carrying out trade at normal profits, many merchants had to smuggle their goods across the border."

"However, while recognising this problem, we will try to remedy the cause, along with prohibiting smuggling."

"As far as the pirates are concerned, we consider them as criminals, and will deal with them as such."

He said that the People's Government wanted to give the people the fullest extent of freedom and the greatest chance to improve their livelihood.

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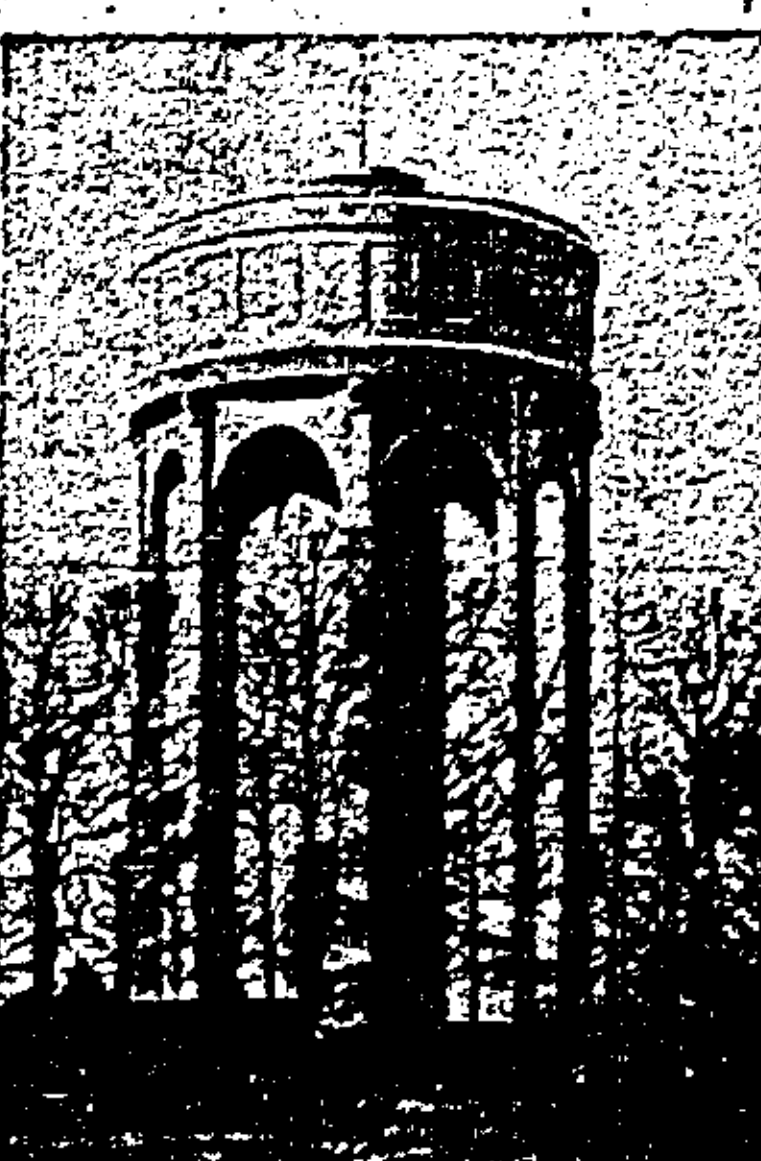
The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the tropical storm continues almost stationary about 250 miles E of Luzon. Pressure is relatively high over China and Japan. The depression E of Hakkaido is moving Eastwards into the Pacific.

Today's Forecast: Moderate ENE winds. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 79.3 deg. Fah. Minimum: 70.8 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 6.5 hours.

Bar: at sea, 1010.6; 1012.5 m.b. 1014.7. Rain: 36.00. Wind: 194.7 mm. 77.25 in. as against an average of 251.9 mm. 9.90 in. in 11 knots.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Eighth Race Meeting

Saturday, 22nd October, 1949.

There are ten races, the First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—£20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race. Tickets in the Cash Sweep on the last race may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27813). NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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One of Radio Hong Kong's announcer-translators, 28-year-old Eddie Au Yeung, will leave tomorrow for the United Kingdom to take up an appointment as a Chinese Programme Assistant in the BBC's Far East Service.

Mr. Au Yeung was educated in Hong Kong, Canton, and Shanghai. Having worked during the war as a Liaison and Reception Officer at Chikiang and Hankow air bases with the Allied Forces, Mr. Au Yeung joined the UNRRA/CNRA organisation in Shanghai in 1946, and came to Radio Hong Kong in 1948.

During 1946 at Hankow, Mr. Au Yeung acted as a translator on the Executive Headquarters where General Marshall, the then Special Envoy of the U.S. Government to China, was acting as mediator between the Nationalists and Communists.

Mr. Au Yeung's wife and son are following him to London by sea at a later date.

ROTARY GIVEN
TALK ON FLYING

Kowloon Rotarians at their weekly luncheon yesterday were told about what makes the aeroplane fly when Captain John Varley of Hong Kong Airways gave a concise lecture on flying entitled "It's in the Air".

The speaker dealt with the main forces acting on the aircraft in flight, putting his highly technical points in simple phrases so as to make his subject not only understandable to all but also extremely interesting. This was later evident when at the end of his talk, Rotarians were busy with questions on the behaviour of aircraft in air.

Captain Varley had a model aircraft which he used in conjunction with his talk. He then presented a film demonstrating actual flight control.

HK ORGANIST
GETS ERCO.

Mr. S. G. Hemery, LRAM, ARCM, having passed the required examination, has been awarded the diploma of the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

An official Government pamphlet describes the ERCO as "one of the most difficult of attainment and most valuable of all musical diplomas", as not only is a high standard of practical ability required in organ playing, transposition, reading from a score etc., but the theoretical tests require a knowledge of composition, fugue, quartets, songs, and orchestral scoring.

Mr. Hemery is Director of Music at the Diocesan Boys' and Diocesan Girls' Schools, and also organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The story of how some 300 Nationalist soldiers, and their families, forcibly boarded the Chinese tugboat Ocean Pride at the Samun, Chinese Maritime Customs Station, and ordered the master to evacuate them to Tsam Kong was told by a foreign member of the crew last evening.

Meanwhile, despite the deadline set by the Marine Department for the vessel to leave local waters by 5 p.m. yesterday, the Ocean Pride is still in Junk Bay, under surveillance by the Police.

The agents are trying to supply the passengers with food.

"We left the Colony for Taiwan on Wednesday morning, towing the tug boat 'Heath', the informant related when interviewed last evening. He was the only one of the crew to get shore leave yesterday.

The 500-ton tug boat reached the Samun CMC Station and hoisted the regular Customs flag. "The Station seemed deserted. There was no CMS flag flying over the building. Several small craft were anchored nearby."

Within five minutes, a small junk came towards the tug boat. Ten Nationalist soldiers, armed to the teeth—machine-guns, revolvers, rifles and hand grenades—boarded the vessel.

A spokesman, speaking Cantonese, told the Master that he would need the Ocean Pride to evacuate troops to Tsam Kong.

Mr. Maly, the Master refused.

No Open Threats

The men signalled to the shore, which by then was already swarming with hundreds of soldiers and women and children.

"Three large junks, crowded to capacity, came alongside. There were soldiers, fully armed, women, children and even dogs."

"We could do nothing at the time. It would have been futile to have tried to prevent them from boarding our ship. Though none of the soldiers threatened the personnel with their arms, their manner and the fact that they had the upper hand in being well armed made us discreet."

The soldiers loaded all sorts of household paraphernalia and bags of foodstuff.

"Then a motor launch came up, also packed to the brim."

"Captain Maly had meanwhile started the engines. We moved out in time for more junks were seen approaching us."

The informant declared: "It is estimated there were some 200 soldiers packed in these junks. Every possible inch of space was taken by the intruders. They filled the alleys, the lifeboats, the deck and at first even the wheelhouse."

"We told them that their arms might affect the magnetic instruments of the ship. They were convinced and left."

"To ensure that our water supply would last us on the way to Hong Kong, we cut off the tap occasionally."

"The soldiers did not interfere with the ship's crew nor with their food supplies."

The Ocean Pride reached local waters yesterday evening. A route was wired to the local authorities regarding the incident."

The informant said:

He added that he had to act as interpreter because none of the Northern Chinese crew of the Ocean Pride could speak the Cantonese dialect.

Going To Hainan

"From what I gathered from the officers, the group were from six regiments. Many of them are not more than 15 years old. They are bound for Hainan Island, from where they expect to go to Taiwan and fight under the Nationalist Government again," he remarked.

The Ocean Pride is operated by the Hong Kong Shipping Corporation. "An official stated that he was instructed by the Marine Department to clear the boat from local waters by 5 p.m. yesterday."

"We are trying our best to purchase food and send it aboard for the soldiers. But up till now (yesterday evening), we are still working on it," he declared.

"The Ocean Pride" will go to Taiwan. As for the soldiers, we have not decided yet as to where to disembark them," he added.

The Marine Police, when approached last night said that the Ocean Pride was still in port under Police surveillance.

The Ocean Pride has a crew of 30, including four foreigners.

FESTIVAL OF
HARVEST

The Festival of Harvest will be celebrated at the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, on Sunday.

The Church will be decorated for the occasion. Harvest Hymns will be sung and the children of the Sunday School will bring baskets of fruits and flowers. These will be distributed to the hospitals.

The morning service will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. J. Z. Seng.

The evening service will be held at 7.30 p.m. and will be broadcast on the radio.

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Repairs To
Connaught
Road

Road repairs are to be carried out on Connaught Road Central, between Pedder Street and Murray Road, from midnight on Monday.

From that time, the private car park on Connaught Road between Pedder Street and Lee House Street will not be available for motorists.

Traffic proceeding westwards along Connaught Road from Murray Road, other than traffic desiring to turn into Lee House Street, will be diverted to the Northern half of Connaught Road at Wardley Street.

Two-way single line traffic will be maintained between Wardley Street and Pedder Street. No vehicle will be allowed to stop on this stretch unless directed to do so by a traffic signal.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Vernacular Schools

Sir—Prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War there was a conspicuous signboard naming "Solis Septic Tank" at the corner of Argyle Street and Peace Avenue, Kowloon. The tank was erected after the name of one of Hong Kong's Directors of Education who promoted school health and education.

As far as I know it is the only septic tank among Hong Kong's educational institutions for vernacular courses, although they need badly sanitary improvements like the erection of septic tanks. And these schools need special supervision by the authorities.

Since the Liberation, the sign board Solis Septic Tank has disappeared. As far as I am aware the trustees properties, on which such septic tank was erected have disappeared too.

Such disappearances of trustees estates for charity and education, and of a signboard of a septic tank, are discouraging public spirited donors and benefactors. They are a curse to the advancement of vernacular education, which lacks badly sound body and good morals.

Can we through your valuable space, attract attention of the educational authorities as well as the public to the need for the restoration of such devices for scholars' health and intellect.

THIRTEEN'S.

Trem Troubles

Sir—I shall be much obliged if you will publish in your daily paper the following:

What Disgusted wrote in your paper the morning of 1st Oct. was a tell where something which perhaps the public does not know, perhaps even the Authorities does not know.

What Disgusted said happened one day on my way from Kennedy Town to Happy Valley. A car was coming down with a child eight years old was trying to enter the tram but the conductor of same pushed the lady out and she dropped on the ground, and the conductor did not take the trouble to stop the tram to see what happened.

I asked the conductor why he pushed the lady and the reply was that they got orders that, when leaving Happy Valley to Kennedy Town must take only 30 minutes to reach their destination. If they fail to do so, they will lose their jobs.

What would have happened if a car passes over her body while she was on the floor? Who is to be blamed? The Conductor, the Driver or the Company?

One day, at 10.30 a.m. an old man was standing on the platform at a tram just in front of Daily Farm. The man stepped on the ground and it happened that a car just missed him by a fraction. What do you call these things—accidents?

I asked the Disgusted said what giving seats to pregnant women or old lady. I cannot agree with him. When these ladies see that the tram is crowded they should not go on the tram. They should stay at home or go by bus.

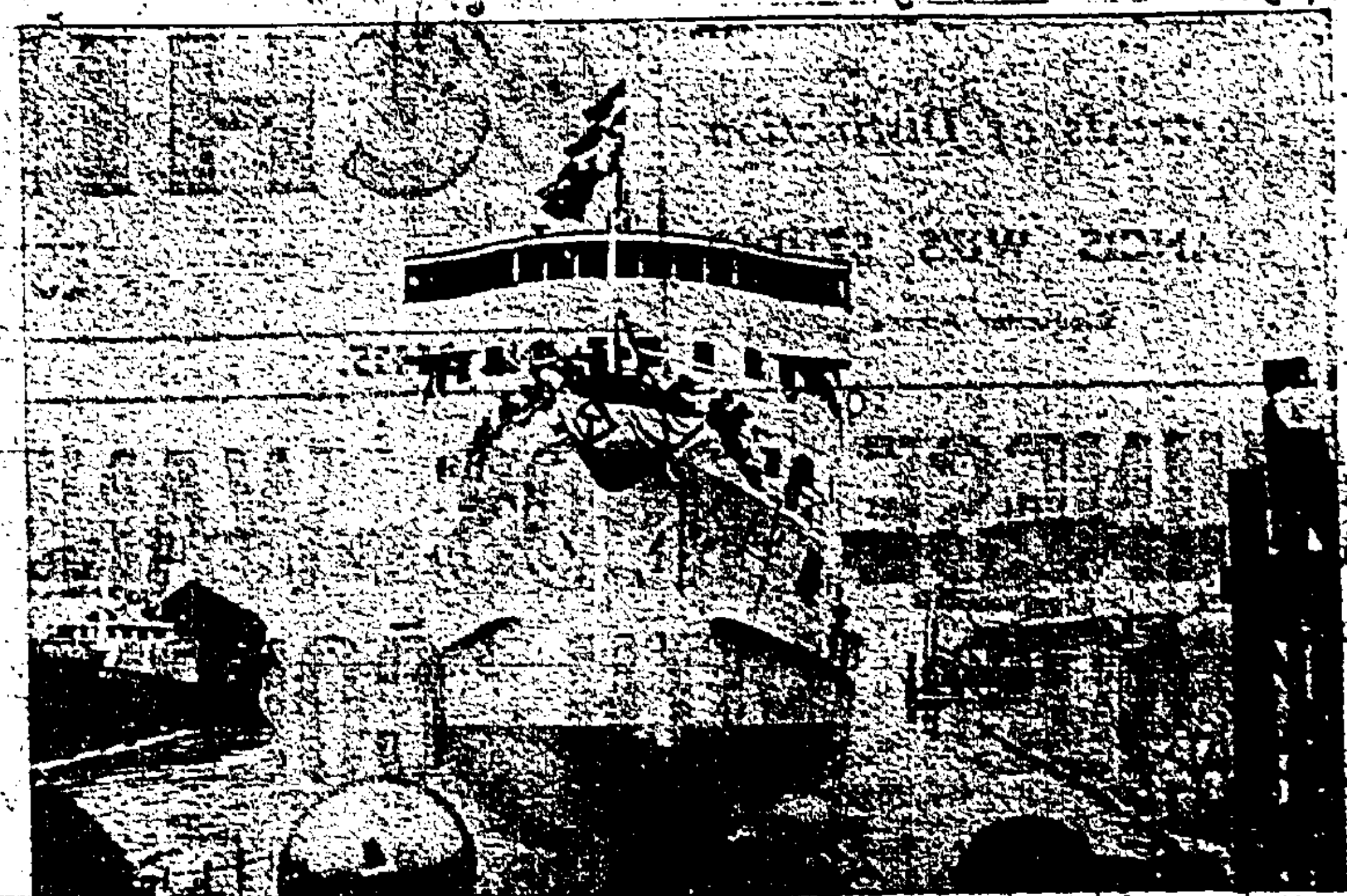
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More than 500 people, including many shipping and Government officials, witnessed the successful launching of the mv. Tai Loy at the Wing On Shing Shipyard, yesterday. The Colony's first steel river vessel is seen here taking to the water. ("China Mail" Photo).

Triple-Screw Steel
River Ship Launched

The \$5,000,000 steel river motorship, Tai Loy, slid into the water at the Wing On Shing Shipyard yesterday to make one of the most successful launchings in the Colony's shipbuilding annals.

With the words "I christen thee Tai Loy. May all your trips be safe and prosperous," Miss Jennifer Sprague, daughter of Mr. W. Sprague, Senior Surveyor of Ships, Marine Department, smashed the traditional champagne bottle on the flag-bedecked bow of the Colony's largest river vessel built since the Liberation.



Mr. V. S. C. Singham, President, Ceylonese Association of India, Bell Building, Bombay, and Managing Director of Singham, Green & Co. (India) Ltd. is due in Hong Kong on October 23, by BOAC on a business tour. Mr. Singham is a former resident of Hong Kong and is well-known among the commercial circles. He will be the guest of Mr. A. R. H. Emsall, of A. R. H. Emsall & Co. Ltd., Hong Kong.

40 Seconds

The tide was at its highest. The depth where the bow would dip in the water was measured at 12 feet.

At 8.30 a.m. sharp, Miss Sprague hurled the champagne bottle against the bow to christen the Tai Loy. Beside her, Miss Fu hit the release to launch the vessel.

The sleek white craft slid off the 200-foot keel-block and was in the water in about 40 seconds.

She made one of the smoothest slides in local shipbuilding annals. As she touched water, the Tai Loy listed slightly to starboard before regaining equilibrium.

Towing tugs and small craft lashed her to the piers to complete the launching.

A tea party followed.

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Eighty per cent of the work has been completed. The rest is expected to be completed within a month.

Corporal
In Court

Corporal A. G. Morgan of the RASC was fined \$10 after he had pleaded guilty to charges of evading bus fare and disorderly conduct before Magistrate J. A. Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector Orem prosecuting said that Morgan bore a bad character on October 20. When asked for his fare, he refused to pay and began threatening to "cut up" rougher, trying to hit several passengers. He was caught in punching a passenger before he arrived at the Police Station.

Morgan was charged on three counts: evading bus fare, assault and disorderly conduct. Mr. Almeida on hearing of the three charges said that assault and disorderly conduct was one contained in the other. At this point, Inspector Orem withdrew the charge of assault.

For evading bus fare, Morgan was fined \$10. On the charge of disorderly conduct, he was bound over to the sum of \$25 for a year.

To the charges, Morgan said in court: "I have had too much to drink."

Labourers began removing unnecessary supports and chocks. Here and there painters dabbed at the white bulkhead to erase stains.

More than 500 people, including shipping officials and Government officers, crowded the shipyard.

Mr. H. F. Tucker, who addresses the Hong Kong Rotary Club of Hong Kong on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, the speaker will be "Days Days of the Bazar."

Personalia

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Miss M. M. Hubbard, Lieutenant-Commander R. M. Young, Lieutenant G. P. McDermott, Lieutenant R. H. Johnson, Mr. S. E. Jones, G. Thompson, A. V. Mincey, W. Fielder and F. Rosenberg.

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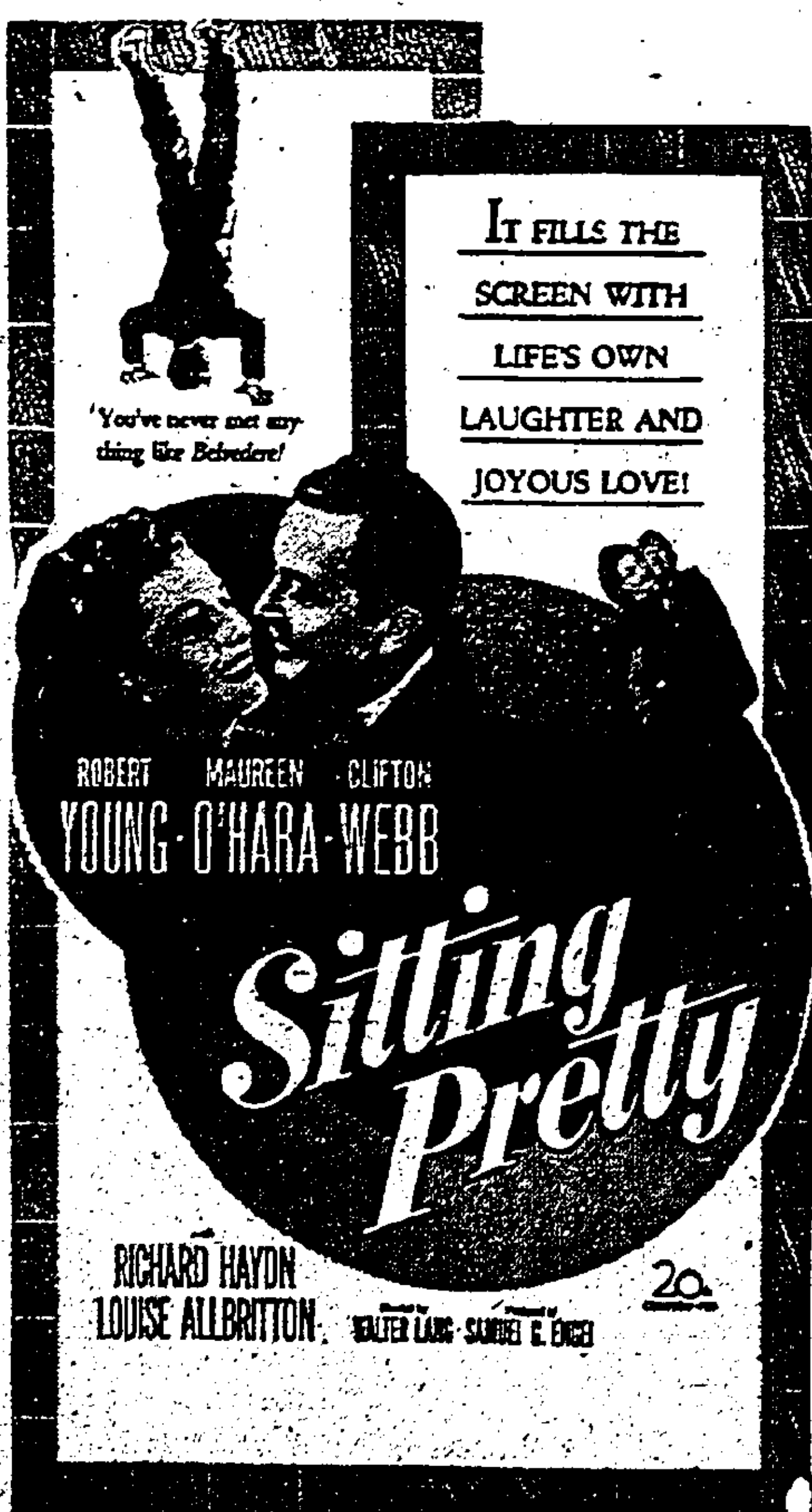
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CINEMA WORLD

ACTION TAKES SPOTLIGHT IN WESTERN FILM

Rating: * * *

"South of St. Louis," an action-jammed historical yarn about the American West which is the week-end attraction at the King's and Lee Theatres, is a film that should please even the most adventurous cinema fan.

Starring Joel McCrea, Alexis Smith, Zachary Scott and Dorothy Malone, the film boasts of some lovely Technicolor shots and a story that abounds with the thrills usually found in movies of a "rootin'-tootin'" nature.

South of St. Louis was the man's land of the American Civil War. It was that vast area of Texas and the South West in which, for the most part, the war was fought on a guerilla basis, although there were organised army groups on both sides.

The film depicts the taut, personal drama of three hard-riding men of the range, set against the background of the open spaces. Smuggling was rampant then and the reckless tempo of the time made life exciting and dangerous.

McCrea plays Kip Davis whose purpose in the tale is to restore the ranching land burned and pillaged by guerillas in Union hire.

Miss Smith departs from her usual roles to that of a flamboyant entertainer of the old West, although her eye-lids see still at half-mast. As Rouge de Lisle, she displays a completely new side to her talents not mentioning a nice pair of legs. Zach Scott plays a cowboy, not exactly a new role, as he hails from Texas and spent many of his younger years on a ranch. Miss Malone, completing the roster of stars, is cast as Deborah, who is loved by McCrea but who loves another.

Most of the film was shot on "location," at the Warner ranch in Calabasas, California, at Victorville and in the San Fernando valley. Some of the greatest action spectacle scenes to be filmed last year were made, with great cost, scores of horses, in Western panoramic settings enhanced by Technicolor.

Notes And News For Film-Goers

Jean Simmons has won the coveted role of Prue Sarn in Two Cities' film adaptation of Mary Webb's famous novel, "Precious Bane."

Miss Simmons says that she will certainly adopt the hare-lip which was the cause of many of the troubles of this tempestuous heroine. It is possible that Stewart Granger will play Gideon. Filming starts early next year.

Robert Newton, now playing Long John Silver in Walt Disney's English production of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island," will go straight into a leading part in Paul Soskin's "Waterfront" when Disney vacates the studio.

After that, Mr. Newton will play a London boarding house keeper in a picture at present called "Spotlight" which Vittorio de Sica, the Italian who made "Shoe Shine" will direct. The script is by another Italian, Zavattini, who wrote "Four Steps in the Clouds."

The chief character in "Spotlight" is an old man, living in the boarding house, whose only friend in the world is his dog.

Glynis Johns will play opposite Douglas Fairbanks in "Secrets" which Individual Pictures, will make for London Films, with Sidney Gilliat as director. Unit and stars will go on location to Trento in the Italian Tyrol for eight weeks.



O'HARA, YOUNG and WEBB
The Sitter, Wars, Pans.

Bring The Family To The Roxy, Broadway

Rating: * * *

Twentieth Century Fox's delightfully entertaining comedy, "Sitting Pretty," which starts today at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, is a show for the family.

It is a comedy that made Clifton Webb the "Mr. Belvedere," under which name the actor is now known to film fans.

"Sitting Pretty" has the setting of what must be accepted as a typically middle class American home.

Running the home are Robert Young and Maureen O'Hara as Mr. and Mrs. King. And running about the home are their three children who are sometimes more than a handful, until, of course, Mr. Belvedere appears.

The domestic help in the King household walks out. Mrs. King (Maureen O'Hara in her first domestic role) puts an ad in the papers for a baby sitter.

Immediately comes the reply and immediately the King household undergoes such a topsy turvy change, that it will have you in stitches.

Replying to the ad is one Lynne Belvedere. The King household works overtime to give the new help something that will guarantee her staying longer than the previous applicants.

Lynne Belvedere, however, turns out to be a male and the male is Clifton Webb whose acting has brought something to the screen at par with Monty Woolley's "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

But Mr. Belvedere, a sort of jack-of-all-trades-and-master-of-them-all genius, thwarts the intentions of Mr. and Mrs. King to boot him out. The fun begins from there.

After a series of comical situations the story takes an unexpected twist which brings the show to a happy climax, with everyone content and nobody hurt. The King children are modelled into little angels; such is the power of Mr. Belvedere.

"Sitting Pretty" is a movie which is better than good. It has not one moment of boredom, the comedy running all the while to keep the audience interested and amused.

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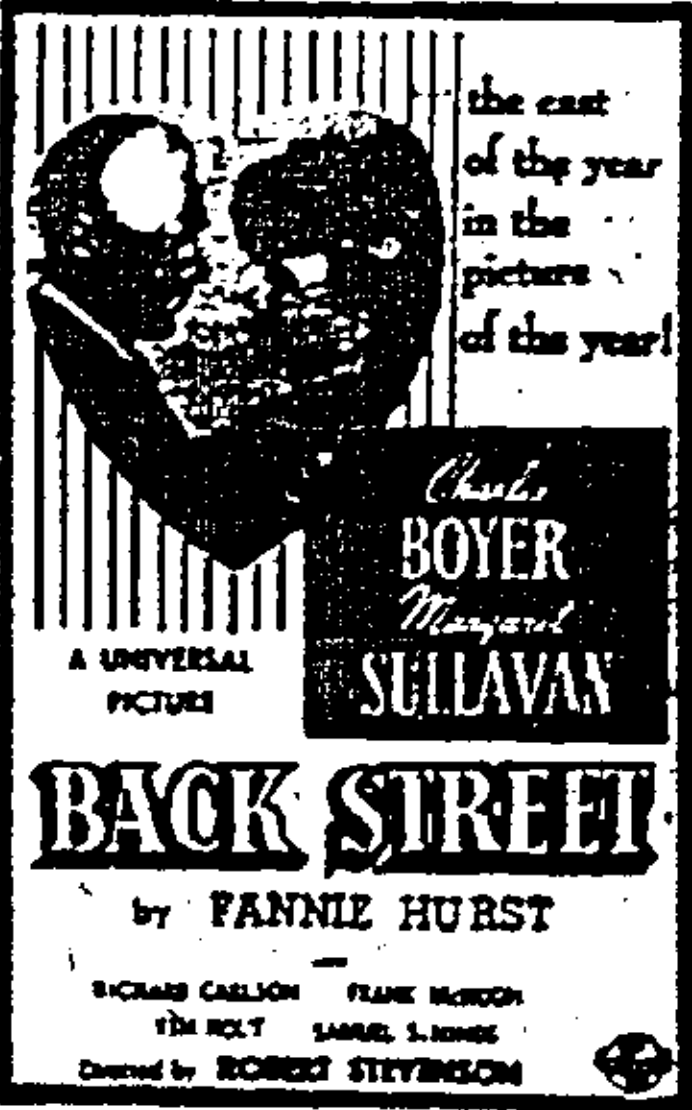
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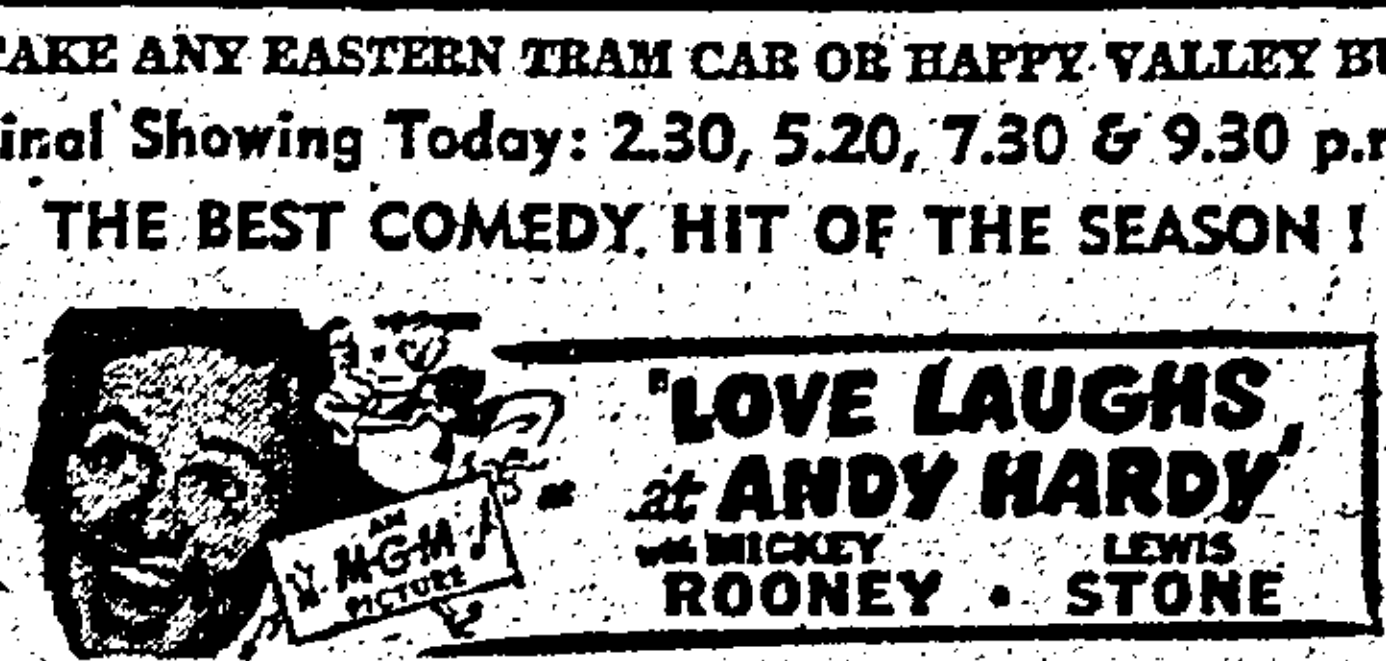
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RECOGNITION ISSUE DECISION NOT MADE

Statement By Bevin In The Commons NO IMMEDIATE MOVES

London, October 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told Parliament today that Britain had not yet reached a decision on the recognition of the People's Republic of China. She would consult other friendly Governments before doing so, he said.

The American reaction to the suggestions that Britain may recognise the Chinese Communist Government during the next few weeks reveals that the United States policy is still unprepared for such a move, diplomatic observers believe.

These observers think it improbable that Britain will recognise the Communists much in advance of her major Allies.

Since both the United States and France as yet show no sign of a definite decision, the odds appear to be on British recognition in a matter of months rather than weeks, these observers said.

Three other considerations support this view.

1.—A British decision is unlikely before the Singapore meeting of British Far Eastern representatives.

2.—The British Government may wish to await the return of the British Ambassador to China, Sir Ralph Stevenson, to London for consultations before making a definite move.

3.—Recognition now might further complicate the already intricate situation in the current session of the United Nations, where China is represented by delegates responsive to the Nationalist Government.

WILLIAMS VISIT TO FAR EAST

London, October 19.

Mr. David Rees-Williams, Colonial Under-Secretary of State, said today that he hoped his forthcoming tour of the Far East would be fairly extensive. But arrangements were still tentative.

Colonel Rees-Williams, who leaves here by air next week, will represent the British Government at the Singapore conference, convened by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, South East Asia Commissioner-General, on November 1.

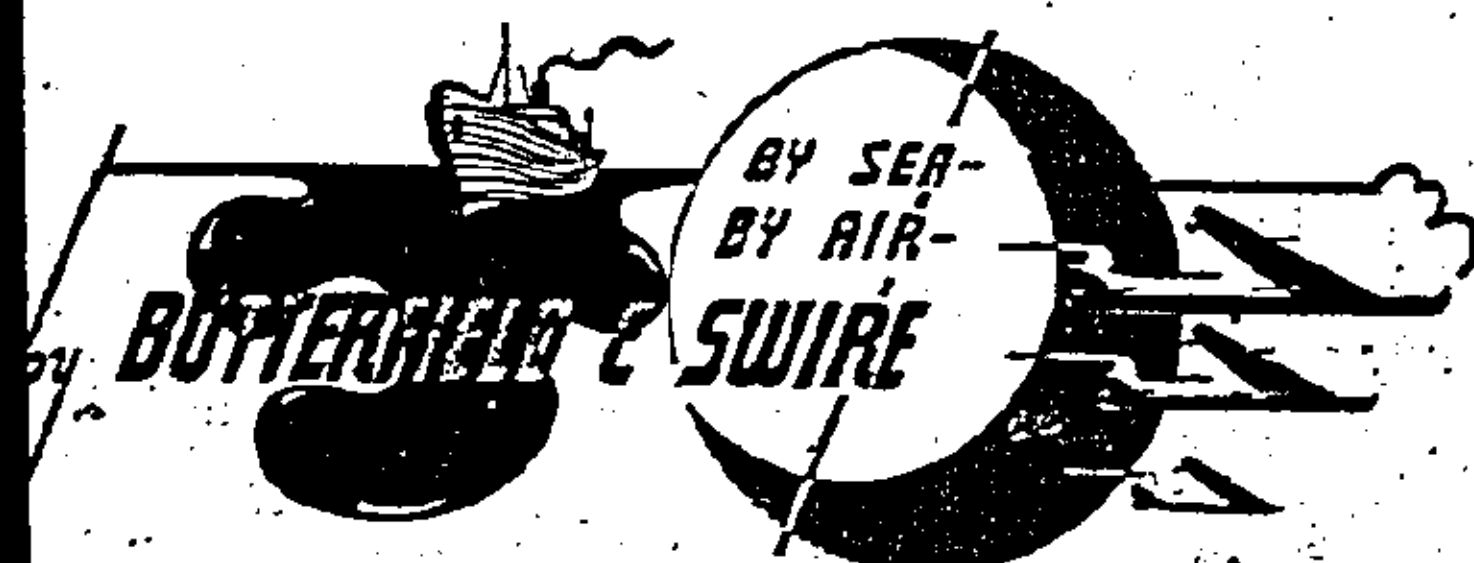
The conference is expected to discuss political, social and other problems of the area.

He plans to visit the site of the proposed new airport at Hong Kong, to study agricultural development work in the New Territories and to inspect the fisheries co-operative scheme and police establishment.

Mr. Rees-Williams added that he wanted also to visit the new Malayan University, the Malayan Regiment, police training establishment, and the cocoa "nursery" of Singapore.

He looked forward to renewing acquaintance with old friends in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

He was particularly anxious to see the big fisheries research farm at Penang which will serve the whole of the Colonial Empire.—Reuter.



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Russians Producing Jet Bombers

London, October 19.

Russia is reported to be undertaking large-scale production of a new four-jet medium bomber, according to the 1949-50 edition of Jane's All The World's Aircraft published today.

The bomber, a product of the 55-year-old Soviet designer, Sergei Ilyushin, is being produced in a workshop at Kulbycheff, Samara. At the same place, Jane's said, it was reported that the Junkers Ju-287 jet-bomber of original German design was in limited production.—Reuter.

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MALAYA POLICE INQUIRY

London, October 19.

Lord Mancroft, Conservative Peer, urged in the House of Lords today that the proposed inquiry into the problems of organisation and administration of the police force in Malaya should be pressed forward with speed and firmness.

Asking if the Government was satisfied that all was well with the administration of the police, he said grave uneasiness had been caused in Malaya by the recent resignation of police officers of rank and of further resignations which were threatened.

Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, replied that concern had been expressed in the Federation of Malaya about the administration of the force.

As already announced in Singapore, the Government of the Federation was arranging to secure from Britain the service of an independent and impartial authority with police experience to investigate the problems of organisation and administration of the force.

This action implied no lack of confidence in the Commissioner of Police or his staff.

Lord Hall said that the number of resignations in the last three years was not exceptional. He promised to put what Lord Mancroft had said before the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones.

Viscount Elibank, Conservative, asked for an early statement on press reports that the campaign against the terrorists had not succeeded.

Lord Hall said that the Government could not accept the implications of these reports. An operation of that sort was necessary now, but the campaign against the terrorists had not succeeded.—Reuter.

Athens, October 19.

The crew of six of a British Anson which crash-landed in the sea near Khalkis, 30 miles North of Athens on Tuesday night, apparently determined to declare allegiance to Mao Tse-tung.

It was understood that Embassy furniture, equipment and supplies would be turned over to the incoming Peking Ambassador.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

State Department Accused On China

Washington, October 19.

Republican Representative Walter Judd today made public a "secret" report on the Chinese Government in 1944 by a State Department Foreign Service officer which, Mr. Judd said, revealed "either incredible miscalculation or misrepresentation."

Mr. Judd said that the document, prepared by John Service, was one of the "essential" reports omitted from the recent White Paper on China issued by the Secretary of State.

This memorandum and others like it had led the Government to adopt a policy toward China leading to unmitigated disaster for the United States in the Pacific area, he claimed.

The State Department had not seen fit to make public certain telegrams, correspondence, reports and other documents which, he claimed, had been used in part to prepare the White Paper. He is issuing classified papers one by one so that the American people who can read could judge for themselves whether they would change the impression sought to be given in the White Paper.

Mr. Judd said the Service report was furnished by Major-General Patrick Hurley, who investigated the Chinese situation for the Government. The Congressman said the memorandum was obviously submitted to the State Department.

Report To Stilwell

"But the Service's conclusions regarding the Communist movement in China represent either incredible miscalculation or misrepresentation. Such mistakes in the armed forces, leading to disaster would produce a court martial in the State Department, they can promote."

The Service report, addressed to General Joseph Stilwell, then commander of the U.S. forces in China, had as its subject "The Need for Greater Realism in Our Relations with Chiang Kai-shek." Chiang was then head of the Central Government, the Service memorandum said. The situation in China in 1944 had both military

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WEST TOLD NOT TO RECOGNISE CHINESE REDS

Baltimore, October 19

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Wellington Koo, today urged the West not to recognise or trade with Communist China because that would strengthen its grip on the country and help it to enslave its people.

Dr. Koo said the Communists want trade and diplomatic ties with the rest of the world but such relations cannot influence their policy or fundamental objective of world revolution or domination.

Dr. Koo took an indirect slap at Britain which is reported to be considering early recognition of the Chinese Communists in a move to safeguard Hong Kong and other British areas from a Communist attack.

He said: "There are statesmen in the West who even believe that they could save colonial possessions of their country on the Chinese coast by entering into formal agreement with the Chinese Communist regime. But I wonder what guarantee there can be that the signature of the Chinese Communist regime will be any more dependable than those of other Communist countries."

"To imagine that an agreement concluded with the Chinese Communist regime with respect to Hong Kong, for example, will ensure the security of the island can only be wishful thinking akin to the idea of appeasement, which international history of the last decade has amply proved to be disastrous in the end."

Whole Of Asia Threatened

Ambassador Koo said that had of China has been brought under Communist domination and the Communists threaten all South East Asia with eventual invasion and subjugation. All of Asia itself might eventually fall under Communist rule and become a base of operations against the rest of the free world for domination and conquest.

China is determined to "continue the fight but" he warned that democracy everywhere would be in peril if the Communist advance is allowed to continue.

He did not directly appeal for new United States aid. He said, "I know that the American people, for reasons which I need not mention here are unable to give much aid and support to the cause of free China at present although it is part of the common cause of all freedom-loving peoples."

He added: "But I am sure you will all sympathise with the people of free China and wish them success in their brave fight to uphold the independence of their country and freedom of the world."

Malayan Reds

The Chinese Ambassador said: "The struggle against the French rule in Indo-China has been under exploitation by Communist forces."

"The British have had to deal with Communist violence in Singapore and Malaya for over a year at great expense and with

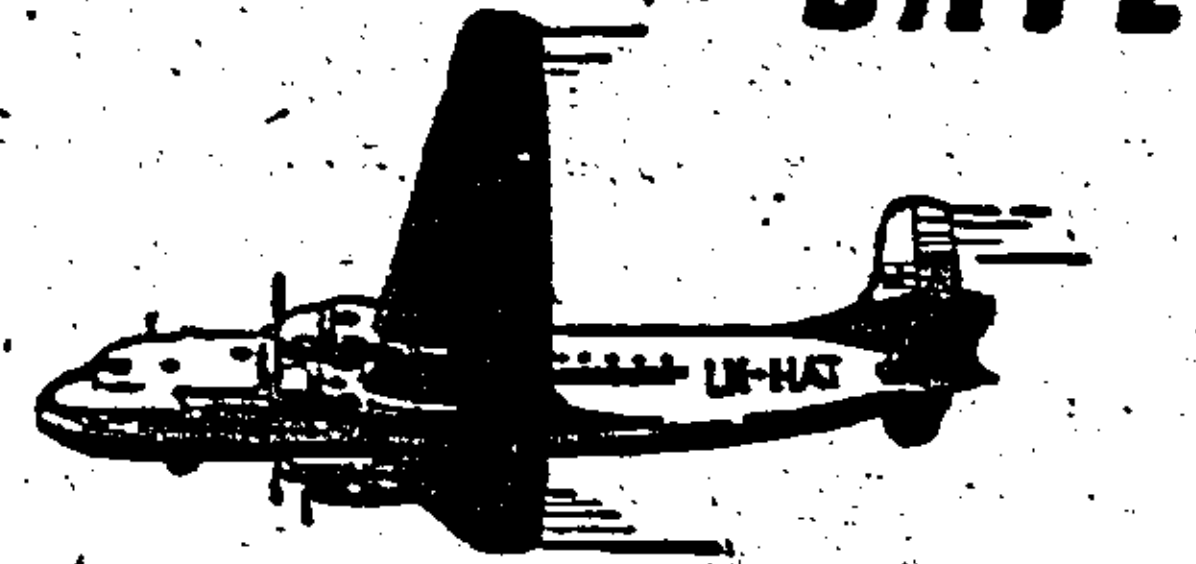
prevent reforms and democratic reorganisation of the Chinese Government by continued and exclusive support of the Kuomintang."

Mr. Judd also introduced into the House record an address made by General Albert Wedemeyer in 1948 at the celebration of the Chinese Republic anniversary in New York. General Wedemeyer succeeded General Stilwell as commander of U.S. forces in China.

Mr. Judd said that General Wedemeyer, who had succeeded brilliantly in China where General Stilwell had failed, called for full support of Chiang. This support, Mr. Judd added, was not given.—United Press.

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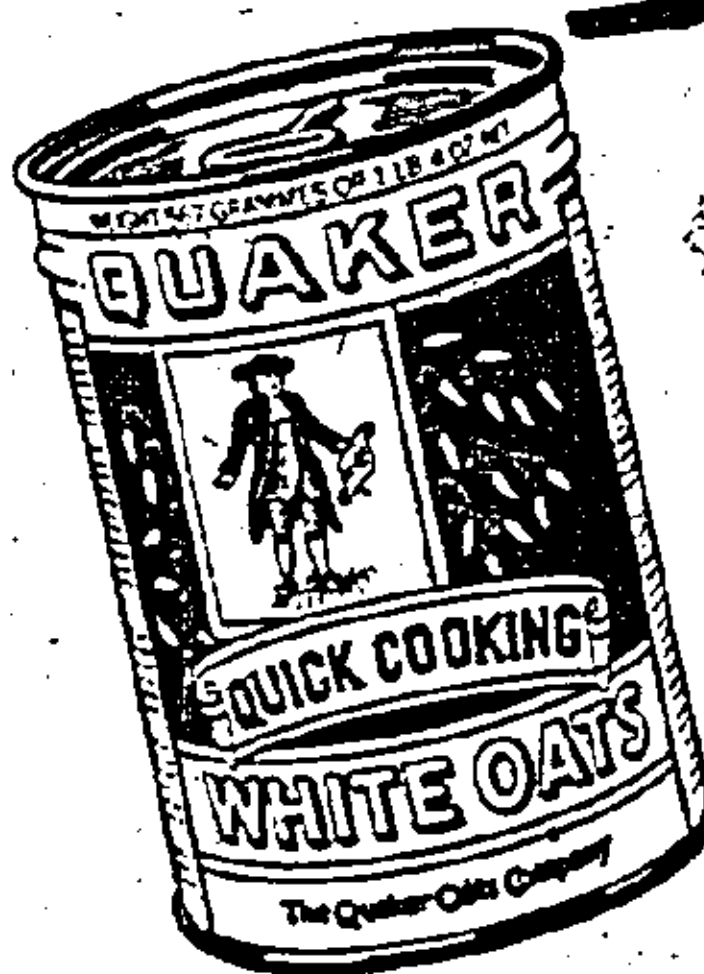


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ARAB LEAGUE CLEARS ITS FIRST HURDLE

Cairo, October 19.

The Arab League Council strode over its first hurdle this morning in the dispute touched off by Iraq on Tuesday night over the League's internal reorganisation.

It started the spadework on the main items on its agenda.

PAKISTAN TRADE OUTLOOK

London, October 19.

The High Commissioner for Pakistan, Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola, said here tonight that there are distinct possibilities of greatly increased trade between Pakistan and European countries.

Mr. Rahimtoola has just returned from a visit to Vienna and Trieste.

He is likely to go to Berlin soon, continuing his visits to Allied-occupied zones.

A French trade mission is at present in Pakistan. Others from Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Soviet Russia have already returned home after visiting Karachi.

Mr. Rahimtoola told Reuters tonight: "Austria has things we want, iron, steel, paper, and capital goods like machinery. Austrian manufacturers need our jute, cotton, leather and wool. This is a very good basis for trade."

"From my preliminary enquiries in Vienna I am convinced that there is scope for increased commercial relations between Austria and Pakistan. It may be useful to have trade missions between the two countries to discuss in detail the possibilities," he said.

Iraq insisted on Tuesday night that the League's statutes amendments be taken up before any other item.

This was hotly opposed by other member States and the League's Secretary General, Azam Pasha.

Azam said Iraq's move was an attempt to delay discussion of the vital political issues now facing the League.

A threatening deadlock at the very beginning of this session, which it is expected will chart the Arab League's future, was solved by a compromise agreement announced at the beginning of this morning's meeting.

The announcement said the member States agreed that Iraq's proposal be referred to a special committee.

This committee will report to the Council at the end of the current session.

The Premiers of Egypt, the Lebanon, Iraq and Hashemite Jordan and the delegates of Syria, Yemen and Saudi Arabia, went into session at 8 a.m. at the Egyptian Foreign Affairs Ministry.

Compromise

Sources close to the delegation said the Iraqi Premier, Nuri El Said, Pasha, accepted a compromise against a proposal that other Arab States would support Iraq's bid for a seat in the U.N. Trusteeship Council.

Syria and the Lebanon have been in line with Iraq to fill the seat.

At this morning's session, the delegates approved the agenda including the Palestine question, Jerusalem's internationalization, refugees, Libya and the co-ordinated Arab policy in the U.N.

The conference appointed committees to study and report on each of these topics.

The Council adjourned until October 22.

The important political committee comprising all member States is due to meet on Thursday to start study of the details of political issues.—Associated Press.

CEREMONY IN RED SQUARE

Moscow, October 19.

The ashes of Marshal Fedor Tolbukhin, the Russian wartime commander on the Ukraine front, were buried in Moscow's famous Red Square today with full military honours.

Several thousand people stood silently as a procession made its way from the House of Trade Unions, where the bodies had been lying in state, guarded by Politburo members and Army leaders.

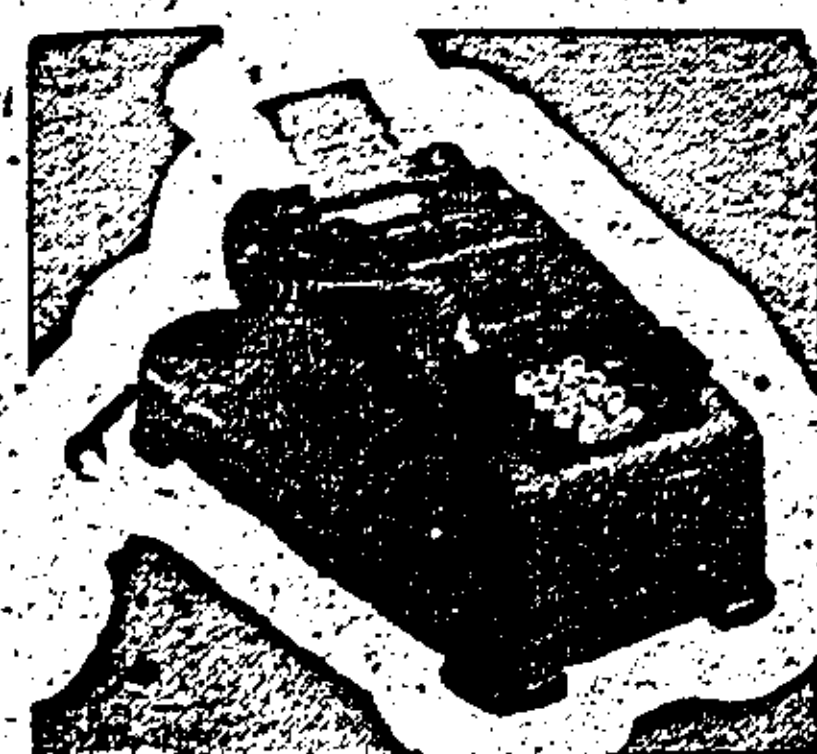
In the guard of honour were M. Vyacheslav Molotov, former Foreign Minister, and Marshal Alexander Vassilevsky, the Minister of the Armed Forces.—Reuters.

37-year-old legless Polish surgeon who operated from an armchair, was one of the finest he had seen.—Reuters.

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Wage Claims To Be Pressed

London, October 19.

The main British trade union for Government employees tonight refused to withdraw or reduce its wage claims in response to the Government's "work harder for the same pay" appeal.

C. White, General Secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, declared that the Association had no intention of withdrawing its claims for more pay.

The Union is claiming 15 per cent increases for 60,000 clerical officers and equal pay for 150,000 temporary clerks, estimated to cost £10,000,000 together.—Reuters.

INDIAN FOOD PROBLEM

London, October 19.

Lord Boyd Orr, former Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, believes it possible to raise food production in India to offset her increase in population.

This would solve one of her major problems, he said.

The great question was whether India could get the vital materials.

Lord Boyd Orr, speaking at a joint meeting of the East India Association and the Overseas League, said, "The Indian Government understand the problem and they have brilliant men among them to tackle it."

India's food problems were just as important as the whole world, he said, could raise its standard of living and eliminate disease, he believed the great sub-continent would be a great factor for peace and stability in the world.

Industry was going to take people off the land and India did not have very little small holdings. With new land, India had to have either large Government farms or co-operative farms. He hoped that the unfortunate division between Pakistan and India would be healed.

Sir John Woodhead, Chairman of the Bengal Famine Inquiry, said that India's food problem must be attacked vigorously on all fronts.

The small size of the average farm was one of her greatest difficulties. Until some change had been found by which the farm unit could be increased, there was the risk that the increase in production would not be so great as was required.

If one could get cultivators to join together and pool their land to cultivate larger holdings, as had been done in India, greater possibilities, he said.—Reuters.

American Aid Must Continue

Philadelphia, October 19.

The Economic Co-operation Administration administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, predicted today that America must continue to spend at least US\$2,000,000,000 a year on foreign aid even after the Marshall Plan ends.

The forecast was made in a speech before the Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hoffman said: "Foreign aid should be reduced as rapidly as possible and ECA aid should be terminated on its due date, June 30, 1952."

"But even with ECA liquidated, I doubt if expenditures for foreign aid can be held below US\$2,000,000,000 annually."

He said that was not because the Marshall Plan is failing but because special situations throughout the world will call for American financial support.—Associated Press.

DEFENCE CUTS MAY BE INCLUDED IN ECONOMY DRIVE

London, October 19.

The possibility that the Government may be planning considerable defence cuts was indicated today by a hurriedly called meeting of the Cabinet's Economic "Crisis" Committee with the Chiefs of Staff and Service Ministers.

Present at the meeting were the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. A.V. Alexander, the Defence Minister, Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, and Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Air Minister.

Also called to the meeting was Mr. George Isaacs, who as Minister of Supply is responsible for Britain's atomic research.

Earlier today Cabinet leaders were strongly pressed to include defence cuts in their new economic programme when they faced a secret meeting of the 332-strong Parliamentary Labour Party. Total defence costs in this year's estimates were £759,000,000—an advance of about £15 per head of the population.

Mr. Attlee and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, warned the meeting that the new economy cuts—due to be announced next Monday—would be severe. But they were unopposed if devaluation was to succeed.

It is understood that the leaders did not in any way commit themselves to the Party on the subject of defence economies.

Authoritative quarters have repeatedly indicated that Britain's present overseas commitments are an obstacle to any severe economic measures except possibly in the Administration.

Conscription

If the Government decides to cut defence costs materially—and official quarters are completely silent on this point—it would be widely interpreted as showing how ruthlessly it considers the present economy cut must be to prove effective.

The presence of the Labour Minister, Mr. George Isaacs, in the defence talks today is interpreted by some quarters as meaning that the future of conscription was under discussion. The issue is closely linked with the question of industrial manpower.

Speculative reports continue to insist that there is a Cabinet split over the cuts programme and Government changes have been predicted if agreement is not reached.

Ministers named as likely to resist the severity of cuts in their own departments include the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, who is responsible for the £260,000,000 a year health services.

The overall "rich and poor" cradle to grave social services involve an annual expenditure of between £800,000,000 and £900,000,000.

Big Sum

Any cuts in these services involving a reduction of benefits would arouse a labour outcry. But severe trimming of costs may be possible on constructional projects for new schools, hospitals, health centres and other public buildings.

There is as yet no official hint of the total capital which is likely to be involved in the Government cuts though some speculative reports suggest £400,000,000.

One idea, said to have been considered by the Cabinet, was a cut in the salaries of Ministers.

The Prime Minister and law officers receive £10,000 each a year and other Cabinet and Cabinet-ranking Ministers £5,000.

Another proposal which might obtain some support is that as a

TALKS ON JAVA NEAR AGREEMENT

The Hague, October 19.

Indonesia is working in committee today to reach an agreement on all the main points by the end of next week.

Today's subjects in the Economic Conference Committee were four issues concerning licences granted by the Dutch Indonesian Government after 1942, and monetary relations between the Netherlands and the United Republic of Indonesia after the transfer of sovereignty.

These relations concern circulation banks and the monetary system.

As the end of the conference approaches, sub-committees are, at times, holding joint meetings to speed up the work.

Surprise has been caused by three groups who have refused to be heard by a sub-committee dealing with "significant interests." This sub-committee, set up by the Steering Committee, had eventually got down to work after a laborious selection of subjects on which hearings could be based.

The three groups are all from Celebes and say that they have been given no opportunity to take part in the conference "on the basis of equality" and allege that they have been "arbitrarily dubbed" as significant interests.

Representatives of these groups were being received in audience by Queen Juliana in The Hague today.

The present quiet prelude to the climax of the conference is bringing a crop of rumours. A report that the Dutch Government had decided to approach the U.S. State Department in connection with the situation in East Java had been authoritatively denied.

Commenting on this report, the influential "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" said: "It may be assumed that recent developments in Java and Sumatra have been reported to the Netherlands Embassy in the United States and that the Dutch Ambassador has passed on all details about Communist infiltration to the interested American authorities."—Reuters.

RUSSIAN ORDERS IN BRITAIN

London, October 19.

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, told Parliament today that the Soviet Union was expected to place more orders in Britain for engineering goods and other products and to continue to buy raw materials in the sterling area.

"Though it had not so far been possible to agree on certain basic conditions for a formal trade agreement, he had informed the Soviet trade delegation that the British Government welcomed the prospects of these purchases and attached importance to continued trade."—Reuters.

HUNGARY MINING HER FRONTIER

Budapest, October 19.

Hungary officially acknowledged today that it had mined and fenced off sections of its border with Austria.

The reason given was to keep out "smugglers, spies and Fascists sent into Hungary by their Imperialist employers" and to prevent "smuggled characters escaping from Hungary."

These disclosures were made in a note sent by the Hungarian Parliament to the Austrian Government requesting Vienna's co-operation in preventing illegal border crossings between the two countries.

The note was a reply to a complaint from Austria that Hungarian "security measures" on the frontier were endangering Austrian lives.

The Hungarian note added that "special reasons" compelled these measures.

It said that "smugglers, spies and Fascists sent to Hungary by their Imperialist employers" attempted to penetrate Hungarian soil in masses and similar characters escaped this country at the same time.

This smuggling of human beings, the Hungarian note maintained, was carried on with the help of American agents and "sometimes with the knowledge and consent of Austrian authorities."

The Hungarians also complained that Austrian frontier guards had driven cattle from Austrian soil towards the border "to damage the fences of the frontier" and "blow up mines."

In other cases, the Hungarian note added, Austrian frontier guards blew up the mines by throwing stones or detonating them with long sticks.

It requested the Austrian Government to put an end to the "excesses of Fascists and spies" and to "fight these elements as energetically as the Hungarian Government does."—Associated Press.

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CRISIS BLOWING UP IN UNITED NATIONS OVER YUGOSLAVIA

FINANCE EXPERT PREMIER

Paris, October 19. The Radical Science expert, M. Rene Mayer, a leading spirit behind the 16-nation European Economic Co-operation plan, today agreed to become Prime Minister-designate of France.

He will present himself to the National Assembly tomorrow afternoon to seek election and so end France's two-week-old political crisis.

M. Mayer, 54-year-old Professor of Political Science and the French representative in the United Nations General Assembly, announced his acceptance of the task this afternoon after last-minute difficulties with the Socialist Party.

M. Mayer, who had been seeing various Parliamentary leaders since he was offered the post yesterday, said, after informing the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, of his decision this afternoon, that he hoped to reach "an agreement on the main points of governmental action" before tomorrow's investiture vote.

His main difficulty with the important Socialist group was believed to concern the question of payment to civil servants of sums due to them following re-grading.

The Socialists were understood to have asked for a lump sum payment next January 1 while M. Mayer preferred half-payment then and the other half six months later to avoid overloading the Treasury with a debt which is reckoned at about 71 milliard francs.

His acceptance marked another stage in a political crisis which began with the Radical Premier, M. Henri Queuille's, resignation over a Cabinet split on wages.

M. Jules Moch, former Socialist Minister of the Interior, although voted into office by the Assembly, gave up his four days of efforts to form a Cabinet on Monday.

Paris streets were beginning to look more like garbage dumps than public thoroughfares today as the capital's 3,500 garbage collectors continued their strike for higher wages, which was begun five days ago partly in protest against the possible election of M. Moch as Prime Minister.

Soldiers and non-striking drivers of garbage trucks were working to clear the overflowing bins.

M. Mayer's chances to form a new Government were tonight estimated to be good. He was expected to get a "comfortable" majority when he seeks the approval of the National Assembly tomorrow.

M. Mayer's difficulties may begin like those of M. Jules Moch when he has to select his Ministers. The Socialists are smarting under the failure of their candidate and a certain number of them favour supporting M. Mayer, but without active participation.

It is reported in lobby circles that the Mayer Cabinet would not be very different from that headed by M. Henri Queuille.

M. Robert Schuman would remain at the Foreign Ministry and the Finance Ministry might again be taken by M. Maurice Peteché or held by the new Premier himself.

M. Mayer would prove a strong supporter of a joint European effort within the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

—Reuter.

Policemen Were Drunk On Duty

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M. Yves Farge, former French Food Minister, said this afternoon that Paris policemen were drunk on duty during the Champs Elysees clashes with demonstrators last November 11.

He was giving evidence in a case in which M. Andre Carrel, editor of the Communist daily, "Humanite", M. Louis Aragon, poet, novelist and editor of the Communist evening paper, "Ce Soir", and M. Florimond Bonte, director of the Communist periodical, "France Nouvelle", were accused of publishing false news and defaming M. Jules Moch, the Minister of the Interior at the time of the clashes.

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The police, armed with tommy-guns, did not, he said, take part in the action to repel the demonstrators, who crashed the police barriers.

He added that 120 police were injured by stones and hits of

London, October 19. Britain today rejected a Russian claim that election of Yugoslavia to the United Nations Assembly Security Council would be unlawful and unjust.

A Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on a statement made by Russia's Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, at Lake Success on Tuesday, accused him of trying to bring pressure on United Nations members to vote for Czechoslovakia.

Russia is backing the candidacy of the Prague Government for the Security Council, being vacated by the Ukraine. The spokesman made his comment at a regular daily news conference.

After reaffirming the intention of Britain herself to back Czechoslovakia, the spokesman said:—

"It is the view of His Majesty's Government that the Soviet attempt to bring pressure for the election of Czechoslovakia is to be deprecated and is likely to produce most unfavourable effects."

He would not elaborate. The Foreign Office spokesman said Britain's decision to support Czechoslovakia was the result of a practice of long standing and which is related to Article 23 of the UN Charter.

This Article says the non-permanent seats on the Council

Irishmen Appeal To Britons

Belfast, October 19.

Anti-partition Members of the Ulster House of Commons and Senators in the Northern Ireland Parliament have appealed to Irish people living in Britain to oppose at the next general election every British Labour candidate who voted for the provisions of the Ireland Bill which safeguard Northern Ireland's present status.

The Bill, which dealt with Irish citizenship, provided that there should be no change in the status of Northern Ireland as part of the United Kingdom, without the consent of the Northern Ireland Parliament.

In a statement issued here, the anti-partition group said that the provisions were "a gross betrayal of the Irish people by the Labour Party, which owes so much to their loyal support in Britain."

"No British Government since the institution of partition has shown such hostility to the just claims of the Irish nation or such callous disregard of the manifest grievances of the nationalist majority in Northern Ireland as the present Labour Government," Irish people living in Britain entitled to vote probably number well over a million.—Reuter.

GREEK WAR ALMOST OVER

Washington, October 19.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the Greek Government's war with the Communist-led guerrillas is practically over.

Mr. Acheson told a Press conference that a reduction in American aid to Greece would seem to be indicated.—Associated Press.

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Armed Threat Alleged By Yugoslavia

Belgrade, October 19.

On the eve of the crucial United Nations vote on Yugoslavia's bid for a Security Council seat, the Communist Party organ, "Borba", accused the Soviet Union of massing Russian and Soviet satellite troops in a ring around the country.

"Borba" said that at the beginning of August Soviet military units began streaming through Rumania toward Hungary and in September Russian troops were observed arriving in Hungarian frontier towns, where they began digging in.

The paper said Hungarian and Rumanian military and police units were shifted at the same time and concentrated in frontier areas, where they are digging trenches, stringing wire entanglements and building pill boxes.—United Press.

VATICAN WAR ON ANTS

Vatican City, October 19.

Vatican technicians were called out today to fight an army of white ants which were eating their way through walls and ceilings to the heart of the Papal archives.

The Vatican authorities reported that the insects had penetrated the Vatican walls in two columns from the infected Montevideo area of Rome, where several houses have already collapsed through the ants' depredations.

A spearhead of the first column was discovered in the agreement of Cardinal Angelo Mercati, the Papal Librarian and Archivist.

The ants had eaten their way through several books and documents, reduced the Cardinal's ceremonial cape to a fragment of grey powder, and had eaten away an oak beam to the point where it was about to collapse on the Cardinal's bed.

The second column was discovered in the six-foot thick walls of the Cortile del Pallagallo (Court of the Parrot), eating their way towards the private archives of the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Officials of the Vatican said that although it was difficult to eradicate the ants because of the thickness of the walls, they hoped the last invaders would soon be wiped out. But then Swiss Guards on duty at the Arch of the Belles, on the South side of St. Peter's Basilica, reported seeing what may be the advance guard of a new attacking force swarming across the corner of St. Peter's Square.—Reuter.

Daring Smugglers Hunted By Police

Amsterdam, October 19. An international gold smuggling ring "running" watches and other articles through airports and even dropping gold by parachute is being hunted by the police of six countries.

Mr. B. A. de Weille, the Chief of Detectives at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, said that he believed the gang operated from Switzerland and that "enormous sums" of money were involved.

Britain, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Spain had joined Holland in the hunt for the smugglers, who were believed to include Shannon Airport, Eire, in their "sphere of operations," he said.

Mr. De Weille said that the Schiphol detective force had been investigating the smuggling ring for about nine months. It had been established that in Holland no offences against the law had been committed.

Schiphol Airport was being used as a transit harbour to obtain aircraft, cargo, documents and other amenities to make the transactions look legal.

Dutch investigations further showed that the gang had at its disposal over eight private planes and "enormous money backing," Mr. De Weille said.

Sometimes more than 30 kilograms of gold were smuggled at a time. The leaders were Eastern Europeans, who had somehow acquired a West European nationality, Mr. De Weille said.

Following the Dutch discoveries, the gang had changed its tactics and had covered up the cargoes by using diplomatic passports. In one case, a gold cargo was dropped by parachute somewhere near Lyons, in France, Mr. De Weille said.

In addition to gold bars and coins, gold watches from Switzerland and other gold objects were being smuggled, he said.

Because of the Schiphol investigations, the smuggling ring had

Royal Question Discussed In Belgian Chamber

Brussels, October 19. The Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, told the Chamber of Deputies today that in retransmitting King Leopold's recent declaration regarding the Belgian Army's capitulation in 1940, he had not consulted his Government, but neither did he endorse its contents.

He was replying to the Socialist, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, who asked whether the Government accepted responsibility for transmitting the declaration or for the capitulation itself.

M. Spaak put his question immediately after a long speech by the Prime Minister.

The exiled King's declaration and his agreement to abdicate unless he obtained 55 per cent of the votes in the projected referendum on his return overshadowed the only point on the agenda, namely, a full-dress debate on the Government's decision to devalue the Belgian franc.

Socialist and Liberal Parliamentary groups had met earlier today to discuss the latest developments in the Royal question.

The Socialists, it was later announced, showed "resolved hostility to the singular and dangerous path for the country which the Government has taken in the question—a path rendered even more perilous by the fact that the Government sanctioned the King's recent declaration."

The Liberals did not hide their belief that the King's statement was a "regrettable manoeuvre to influence public opinion on the eve of a referendum on his return."

M. Eyskens then moved on to the devaluation debate.

Defending his Government's decision to devalue the franc, he told a stormy Socialist Communist Opposition "fueled by an almost general collapse of European currencies, we had to save Belgium's foreign trade from the menace of strangulation."

The Belgian Government was caught off guard because of earlier statements by some foreign statesmen, according to which sterling was not to be devalued.

The rate of devaluation of the franc—a just under 12.5 per cent compared to the dollar—was chosen to avoid any disequilibrium between wages and prices.

He did not pretend that devaluation would have no effect on prices, but an increase in the price of some commodities would be offset by a drop in others.

The Prime Minister said that a decision not to devalue would have led to "a rise in unemployment and the destruction of many industrial enterprises."

—Reuter.

Bevin On Payments From Japan

London, October 19.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told the House of Commons today not to expect any substantial reparations from a solvent Japan.

He told Parliamentary questioners that the six months old freeze on reparations removals ordered by the United States would continue as long as the present regime of control lasts.

He said this did not necessarily mean that Japan would make no further reparations payments at all. Final decisions will have to be embodied in the terms of the general peace settlement. But it would be misleading, he said, "to hold out any hope that Japan would, however, be able to pay any further substantial reparations and at the same time pay her own way in the world."

The Foreign Secretary said he thought the United States had a good case for stopping reparations while Japan was not able to pay reparations (presumably of expenditure over income).

Mr. Bevin made it clear that Britain is not giving up claims on Japan for further reparations payments to compensate for war damage inflicted on this country's Far Eastern possessions.—Associated Press.

MANSTEIN COUNSEL'S DEFENCE

Hamburg, October 19.

Defence Counsel at the war crimes trial here of Nazi Field-Marshal Erich von Manstein claimed today that General Sheridan and General Sherman carried out scorched earth tactics in the American civil war.

They did this, said counsel, Dr. Hans Latenser, to protect their armies. And he quoted an alleged saying by General Sherman, "The population must only be left with their eyes to weep with."

Among the charges against von Manstein is that of "scorching the earth" in Russia. But Dr. Latenser contended that this had not entailed such hardships for the population as the prosecution had suggested.

The Russian villages were evacuated and burned down during the retreat because this was a military necessity, he said.

He also contended that the British and American air war and the use of atom bombs against Japan had shown that a country at war was entitled to use all possible force to achieve victory.

The British Military Court trying Manstein for alleged war crimes today adjourned until Friday so that the Marshal may rest before giving his own evidence.

One of his defence counsel, Mr. S. C. Silkin, said yesterday that von Manstein had put in hard work to prepare his own defence and had been advised by his doctor to get a short rest.

Mr. Silkin said today that von Manstein was expected to be in the witness box for a week.—Reuter.

SCHOOLGIRLS' VISION CLAIM

Bamberg, October 19.

A special commission of three priests and three laymen will report to the Archbishop of Bamberg tomorrow on their investigation of a claim by seven German school girls to have "seen" the Holy Virgin and the Child Jesus.

The Commission watched the children on Monday when they claimed that they were witnessing the "miraculous appearance."

Over 20,000 people made a pilgrimage last Sunday to the village of Heroldsbach-Thunau, near here, where the girls live.

A local priest was reported to have told the pilgrims that the girls had seen the "Vision" every afternoon at the same time since early this month.—Reuter.



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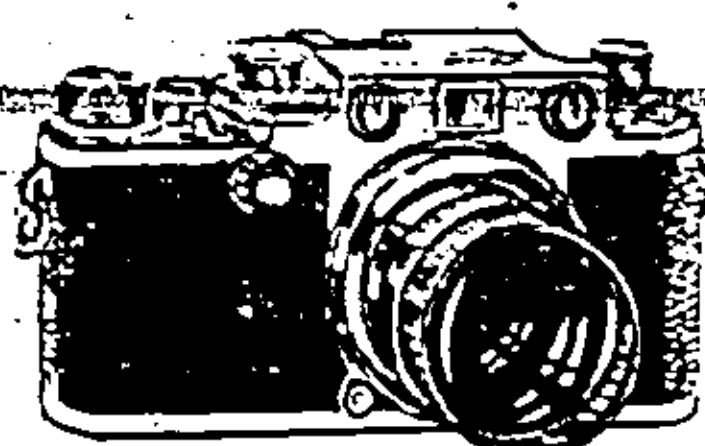
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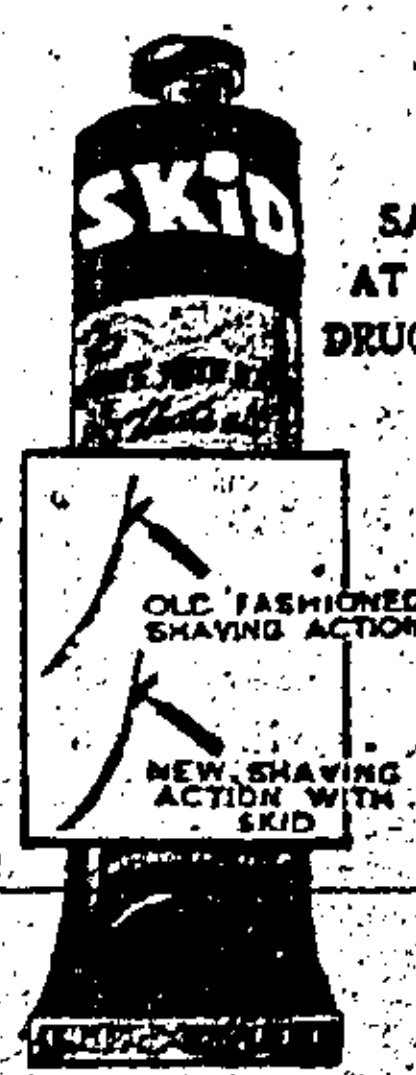


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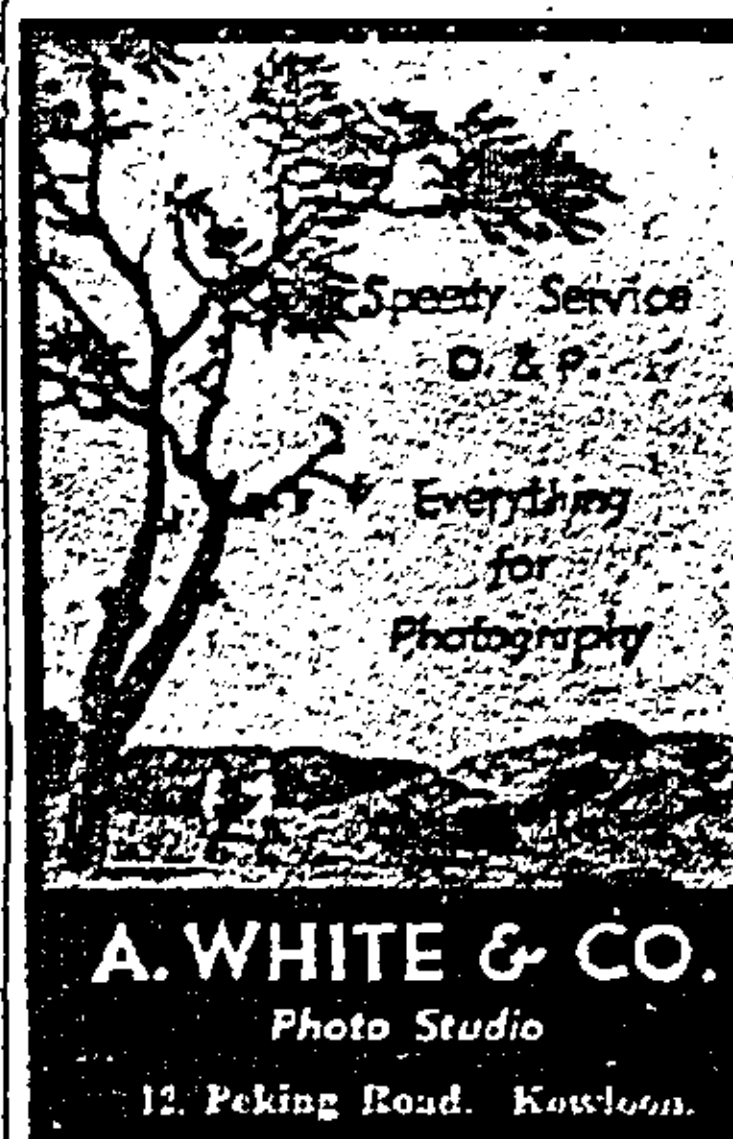
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TRAGIC TOLL OF FLOODS IN GUATEMALA

Guatemala, October 20.

The mounting toll of Guatemala's rainy season flood disaster was officially estimated today at approximately 4,000 dead and at least \$50,000,000 property damaged. Seventy thousand or more people are homeless.

The Foreign Minister, Gonzalez Arevalo, announced the totals, on the basis of far from complete reports, and there was every indication that the disaster would assume even greater proportions.

PARCELS AROUSE STORM

London, October 19.
Does it look like Britain is begging when official letters to other countries are stamped "Britain Says Thank You for Food Parcels"?

You'll have to make up your own mind. The House of Commons could not decide today. It left the question hanging after a mild storm between the Food Minister, John Strachey, and several angry Members from both Labour and Conservative Parties.

Mr. Strachey said Britain has received 70,000,000 food parcels mainly from the United States and Commonwealth countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. So he asked the Post Office to begin stamping letters from his Ministry, "Britain Says Thank You for Food Parcels."

But, said M.P.s, some of these letters went to Italy and Germany.

This, cried Conservative J. A. Boyd Carpenter, makes Britain "appear to beg for presents from our defeated enemies."

"Would it not be less humiliating for British subjects not to beg at all?" he asked.

"I cannot agree that to say thank you for something is to beg," Mr. Strachey said. Besides, he said, some food parcels really had come from beaten Italy and the Italians deserved thanks.—Associated Press.

Czech Purge Extended

Prague, October 19.
Czechoslovakia's Communist-controlled Government today extended its purge of "political unreliable" to the management of its own nationalised industries, throwing out a score of factory directors in one swoop.

This was disclosed by the Government's official gazette.

A single issue of the gazette reported the expulsion of 20 Directors of nationalised enterprises. Eight of them large industries including heavy machinery.

The official bulletin also disclosed that the Government's campaign of liquidating privately owned small businesses is continuing without relaxation.

Confiscation of these small businesses for nationalisation was usually accompanied by the arrest of their owners, who were generally shipped off to forced labour in work camps or mines.

The gazette reported that 24 more such enterprises ranging from pharmacist shops to small mills were seized for nationalisation. Where any reason was stated they were "too big." They were to be incorporated into large national-owned combines.—Associated Press.

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Senior Arevalo received word that 1,000 homeless children have been collected at Escuintla, their parents apparently dead.

Coffee producers say at least 30 per cent of Guatemala's \$33,000,000 coffee crop has been destroyed. Senior Arevalo said it might run as high as 50 per cent loss.

A rich grazing belt, from 20 to 40 miles wide and stretching more than 200 miles along the Pacific coast, was hard hit, many ranchers losing all their livestock.

Destruction of roads and communications makes it extremely difficult to appraise the extent of the disaster.

Rains Continue
Many villages are entirely isolated, foodless and lacking medical supplies.

Cuba, the United States and many neighbouring Latin American countries have rushed aid by plane to the stricken area.

A planeload of Cuban military engineers left Havana.

The Guatemalan Government set up an Emergency Relief Committee and gave it a \$6,000,000 fund to start.

Scattered rains continued, but none compared with the cloud-bursts of the first 15 days of October, when 30 inches fell in Guatemala city.

Other parts of Guatemala reported even heavier rainfall.—Associated Press.

Communist Propaganda In Bengal

Calcutta, October 19.

With six weeks left for the harvest, West Bengal Communists are reported to be intensifying their propaganda among the peasantry.

Their slogan now is all the crop for the cultivators, contrasting with their previous demand for a 50-50 share-out with the landlords.

If they are successful, the province will be faced with a grave food situation. Owing to the peasants' present hardships, the Communists believe they will be successful in whipping up anti-Government agitation.

The Communists are also reported to be turning their attention again to the city where preparations for the general elections all over the province are being made by Congress.

The Communists are believed to be contemplating an underground election campaign, not expecting success but as a base of a future rising to overthrow Congress.—Associated Press.

LITTLE ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE

Lake Success, October 19.
The Ad Hoc Political Committee of the United Nations decided today against Russian opposition to continue the Interim Committee ("Little Assembly") for an indefinite period. The vote was 41 in favour, six against and six abstentions.

The Interim Committee will meet when the General Assembly is not in regular session and will consider and report on matters referred to it under the Assembly's authority.—Reuter.

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Albion Safe In Rosyth

Rosyth, October 19.
The damaged aircraft carrier Albion reached the shelter of Rosyth dockyard tonight after a 20-hour fight against raging seas and adverse tides.

The carrier had shipped so much water through a hole in the stern that officials had feared she might go ashore or capsize. If she were not brought to dock soon, United Press.

ATOMIC PLANT FOR NORWAY

Oslo, October 19.
Norway's first atomic plant to be constructed at Kjeller Aerodrome, near Oslo, is expected to be in operation in 1951, the Norwegian news agency announced tonight.

It will cost at least 15,000,000 kroner. A research director concerned with the project said: "Norway has neither the scientific nor the technical nor the economic capacity to make atom bombs."

The plant will have a capacity of 100 kilowatts and could not compare as a power source with large-scale plants which generate many hundred-thousand kilowatts.

It will however, supply large quantities of isotopes for medical purposes and scientific research.

The uranium needed is to be mined in Norway.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL HOPEFUL OF PEACE PROSPECT

Bristol, October 19.

Winston Churchill said today that the world must not despair of the prospects for peace.

"But we must be ready to give all we can to maintain the honour of our country," the wartime Premier said in conferring an honorary degree on the U. S. Ambassador, Lewis Douglas, at Bristol University.



MR. CHURCHILL

AIRLIFT COST TO BRITAIN

London, October 19.
The Berlin air lift cost Britain £10,250,000, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told Parliament today.

The air lift started at the end of June, 1948. The British section finished on October 6 this year.—Reuter.

"I earnestly hope that we may be spared further catastrophes and that all we have achieved in the past will not be thrown away but will be enriched by all that science is achieving," Mr. Churchill continued.

"We must not despair." He pleaded for clear and fearless thinking.

"Unless the intellect of a nation is aroused, the society in which it occurs is no longer progressing. We must not fail to inculcate clear-cut thought about the things of government and society."

"All kinds of formulae are mouthed and repeated and repeated again, banded to and fro through the country."

Clear Thought
"But—let—there—be—clear thought and let our young men and women go out into the world having an instructive and informing light to play upon life and their part in it."

Mr. Churchill said victory won in war often leaves much to be desired.

"When victory comes you are often so exhausted by what you

have done that somehow the sunshine does not seem so genial as one hoped when one marched towards it.

"Victory, I am afraid, is less pleasing when possessed. But without victory you do not have a chance to continue in your country's life and work."

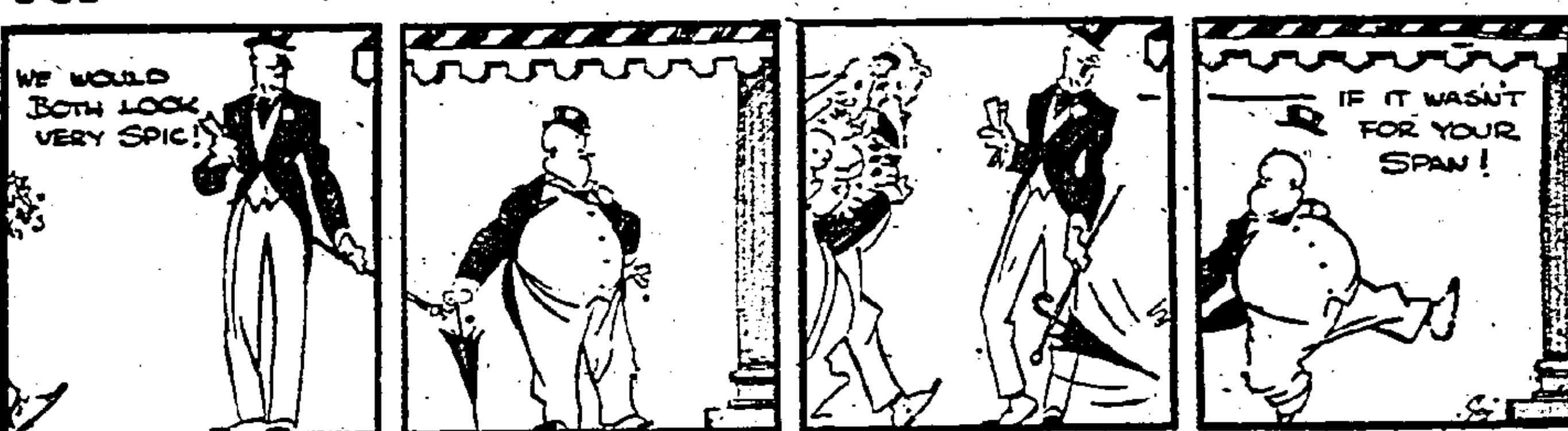
Cripps Assent
Mr. Churchill also conferred degrees on Field Marshal Viscount Alanbrooke, Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of Penicillin, Professor C. D. Broad, R. E. Moore, headmaster of Harrow and Sir Richard Southwell.

Bristol University had decided to confer a degree on Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Member of Parliament for a Bristol District.

Sir Stafford notified University authorities that other engagements made it impossible for him to attend the ceremonies today.

Some sections of the British Press suggested that Sir Stafford did not relish the prospect of receiving a degree from Mr. Churchill, who has attacked the Chancellor's financial policies.—Associated Press.

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MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



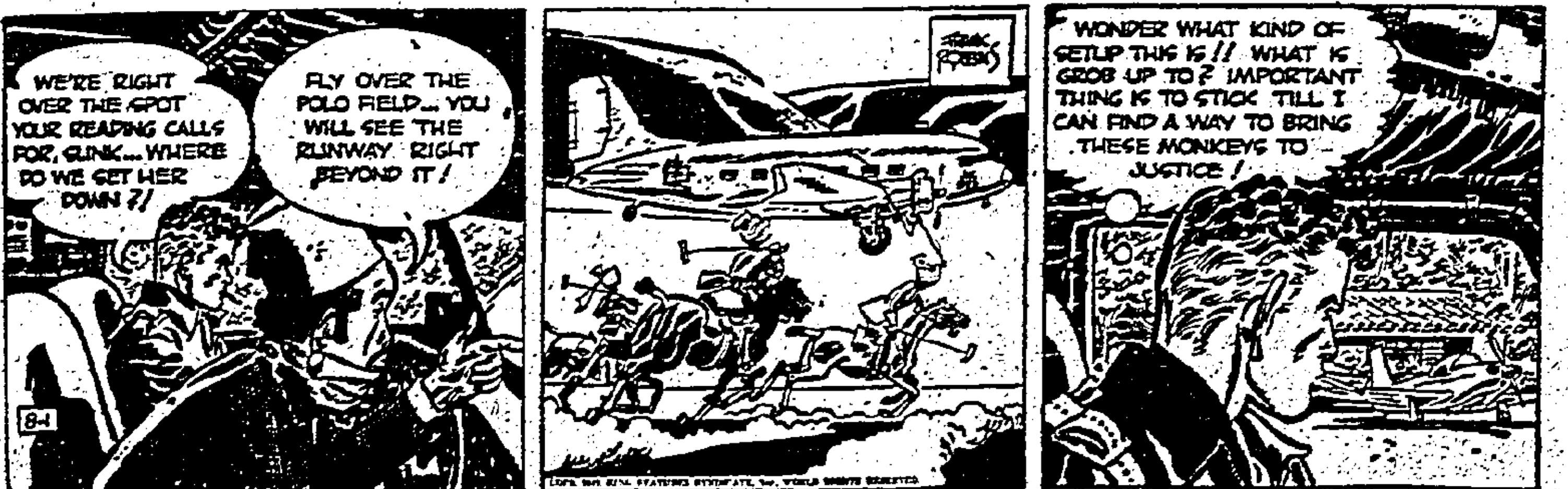
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"STRAAT SOENDA" 30th Nov.	18th Nov.
"TEGELBERG" 28th Dec.	8th Dec.
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	

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"TJITJALENKA" 1st Nov.	
"VAN HEUTSZ" 16th Nov.	13th Nov.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"BOISSEVAIN" 8th Nov.	24th Oct.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

GOVERNMENT OFFER TO MANUFACTURERS

London, October 19.

The British Government tonight offered to go into partnership with manufacturers willing to launch sales drives in the dollar markets. Its Export Credits Guarantee Department said that it would guarantee manufacturers against a proportion of any losses which they might incur as a result of such an effort.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Yesterday was again a busy day. On the appearance of some profit taking the up-swing has been temporarily arrested. **GOVT. LOANS**
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Merchants Bank A. & B. 42 1/2/150
Bank of East Asia 110 1/2
INDUSTRIALS
Canton Ind. 31 1/2
Union Ind. 60 1/2, 60 1/2, 60 1/2
China Underwriting 4 1/2
H.K. Fire Ind. 50 1/2
SHIPPING
Douglas 20 1/2
H.K. & M. Steamship 11 1/2
Indo China (Prov.) 49 1/2
(Def.) 50 1/2
Shell (Steam) 50 1/2
Union Waterworks 25 1/2
Asia Nav. 7 1/2
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H.K. & S. Wharves 100 1/2, 100 1/2/150
North Point Wharves 5 1/2
Shanghai Wharves 5 1/2
H.K. Docks 17 1/2, 18 1/2
China Prospects 11 1/2
Shanghai Dock 1 1/2
Wharves 20 1/2, 21 1/2
MINING
Ranch Mines 6 1/2
H.K. Mines 40 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. & S. Estate 10 1/2
H.K. Lands 32 1/2/150/250
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Hawker 1 1/2
H.K. Estates 2 1/2
Chinese Estates 1 1/2
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 16 1/2, 16 1/2/300
Prat Tram (Old) 15 1/2
(New) 10 1/2
Star Ferries 8 1/2
C. Light 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2/250
(New) 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 9 1/2/150
ELECTRICITY
H.K. Electric 21 1/2, 21 1/2/250
Macao Electric 2 1/2
Szechuan Electric 5 1/2
Telephone 10 1/2/150/250
Shanghai Tel. 1 1/2
INDUSTRIALS
C.M. Mac. (Ord.) 22 1/2
Canton Ind. 31 1/2
Concrete 19 1/2, 20 1/2
H.K. Rope 1 1/2
STORES, ETC.
Dairy Farms 40 1/2
Watsons 42 1/2, 44 1/2/250
L. Crawford 15 1/2
Sinners X.D. 4 1/2
China Emporium 3 1/2
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Kwong Sang Hong 10 1/2
Wing On (H.K.) 7 1/2
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 9 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS
China Entertainment 1 1/2
H.K. Construction (Old) 2 1/2
(New) 2
Vibro Piling 15 1/2
Marmans (H.K.) 9 1/2
Merriman (H.K.) 2 1/2
Shanghai Loan 1 1/2
Yankee 2 1/2
COTTONS
Ewa 5 1/2, 5 1/2
RUBBER, ETC. COMPANIES
Alma Estate 14 1/2
Anglo-Dutch 3 1/2
Anglo-Java 1 1/2
Bate Assets 4 1/2
Bate Plantations 2 1/2
Cheong United 4 1/2
Cheong Rubbers 2 1/2
Consolidated Rubbers 1 1/2
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Under these heads the organisation has assisted 10,000 firms to export goods valued at US\$1,500,000,000 and has done so without incurring, thus far, any cost to the British taxpayer.

At present it carries risks totalling £225,000,000.

Tough Market

The new plan was disclosed by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, at a luncheon here yesterday and was later explained in detail at a press conference by Mr. Somerville Smith, Director General of the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

"The North American market is notoriously tough," Mr. Wilson said at a luncheon given by the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association.

"We have no intention of molly-coddling British exporters—they don't need it—but we have equally no intention of encouraging schemes which are doomed to failure from their inception."

"Given, however, the exporter who is prepared to go into this business with faith and determination, the Department is prepared to give him the practical assistance he will need."

Mr. Somerville Smith said that American-style market research was essential if British goods were to sell in the States. If a firm was prepared to undertake this, his department would guarantee it against losses arising from market research surveys which failed to pay for themselves over a period of time.

A Guarantee

The Department would guarantee exporters against loss involved in extraordinary advertising and promotional expenses in cases where preliminary surveys had been favourable.

When it came to selling, Mr. Smith added, it was a good thing to sell "unless a retailer can call up and say he wants his stock duplicated within 24 hours—and unless the British can give that service."

The manufacturer must be

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No fire insurance will be effected.

WALLEM & CO. Agents, Telephone 34177-9, Hong Kong, October 20, 1949.

Gold Rumours Denied In U.S.

Washington, October 19.

Mr. John Snyder, United States Secretary of the Treasury, today denied that during the dollar crisis talks here last month Britain and the United States had secretly agreed to return to the gold standard.

At a press conference reporters told him that rumours of a secret agreement were circulating in Washington. Mr. Snyder replied: "There is no such agreement."

in a position to hold substantial stocks in America, and we are prepared to come in on a percentage basis to make that possible," Mr. Smith said.

Summing up, he stated that "on the face of it, it sounds like a subsidy, but it is not. We have never subsidised in this department, and we hope to God we never will. If the dollar drive is a quarter as successful as we hope it will be, we shall not lose a penny."

One idea already approved by the Export Credits Guarantee Department for assistance envisages a chain of representatives based throughout Canada to boost British engineering products.

Britain Best

The British engineering firms who put up the idea believe that the Canadians look too much to the United States, and they are determined to sell the idea that British engineering is second to none.

During his speech to the electrical manufacturers, the President of the Board of Trade had remarked that there was too much of a tendency to attribute Britain's dollar problem to lack of productive effort here and to poor British salesmanship.

The answer was not to be found in lack of effort here, he asserted.

The electrical machinery manufacturers, Mr. Wilson said, were exporting £3,500,000 (US\$9,500,000) worth of goods a month in the first half of this year compared with £500,000 worth a month in 1929—seven times by value and three times by volume.

That success was reflected in hard currency markets. Even after devaluation, the United States market was not wide open to the industry but in Canada, a tremendous market was open, Mr. Wilson said.

Notice To Consignees

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s.s. "BENWYVIS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on October 24, 1949.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after October 25, 1949, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before November 15, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD., Agents, Hong Kong, October 19, 1949.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, October 19.

The stock market buzzed with activity today, but most prices barely budged. Fractional gains were in the majority at the close and a small group of stocks showed gains running to an extreme of around three points. Those issues which had declined were trimmed but slightly.

The market's stability followed a broad rise on Tuesday which just about wiped out Monday's losses. The rebound carried the general price level back to within a short distance of the 1949 high established last week.

Turnover stepped up to 1,370,000 shares.

Several recently popular radio and television issues were shaded slightly today. Among them were Admiral Corporation, Emerson Radio, Philco and Zenith.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 66.91; 20 Industrials 187.04; 15 Rails 49.11; 10 Utilities 38.22.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 21 1/2	Alaska Juneau 3 1/2
American Smelting 47 1/2	American Telephone 144 1/2
American Tobacco 72 1/2	American Waterworks 7 1/2
Anacosta Copper 28 1/2	Aviation Corp. 6
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2	Barnsdall 50 1/2
Bendix Aviation 31 1/2	Bethlehem Steel 29
Boeing Aircraft 22 1/2	Borden Co. 47 1/2
Canadian Pacific 13 1/2	J. I. Case 37 1/2
Chrysler 53 1/2	Colgate 41 1/2
Commercial Solvents 17 1/2	Corn Products 65 1/2
Du Pont 54 1/2	Eastman Kodak 48 1/2
General Electric 37 1/2	General Motors 65 1/2
Goodrich 63 1/2	Goodyear 39 1/2
Homestake Mining 47 1/2	International Harvester 28 1/2
International Paper 64 1/2	International Tel. & Tel. 9 1/2
Johns Manville 45 1/2	Kennecott Copper 48 1/2
Montgomery Ward 52	National Distillers 21 1/2
National Lead 32 1/2	New York Central 10 1/2
Packard Motors 3 1/2	Pan American Airways 8 1/2
Pennsylvania RR 14 1/2	Radioplane 13 1/2
Remington Rand 10 1/2	Republic Steel 21 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2	Schenley 28 1/2
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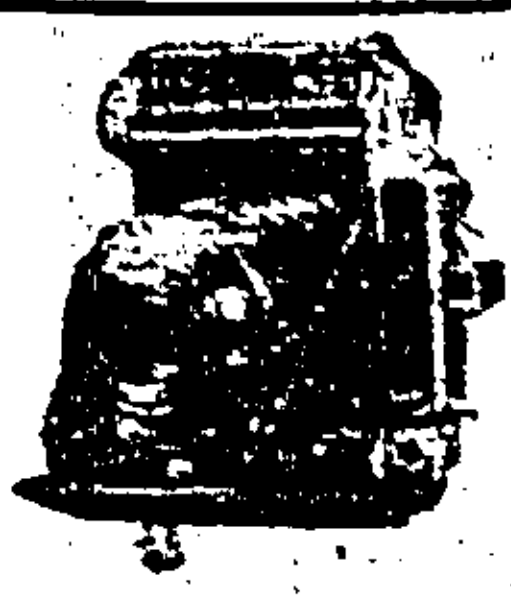
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HONG KONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1949.



(By "STUMPS")

Another First Division game which should be worth watching is that at Sookponoo, where the Indian Recreation Club will be hosts to last year's Champions, Club de Recrio.

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Arsenal centre-forward Harry Goring (right) looks horrified as Everton left-back Godd Dugdale (centre) bears down on him while Everton left-half Cyril Lello (left) gets loose from the melee with the ball in the First Division League game at Highbury, London, on October Arsenal won by five goals to two. Associated Press Photo.

Reserve: Makham Singh, Retian Singh
G. Saryaver and J.S. Grewal

(By TOMMY LAWTON)

any team depends on the position of the men who duplicate every position, so that they can step into the breach when the time comes.

(By ERIC DE BANZIE)

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